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Chair resigns after report

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Judge finds 'errors of judgment' in how prof's blog post was dealt with

UBC's chairman has resigned after a former judge found the institution failed to protect a professor's academic freedom.

Retired B.C. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Smith was tasked with investigating allegations that John Montalbano and the Sauder School of Business tried to muzzle Prof. Jennifer Berdahl over a blog post questioning why UBC's president abruptly quit.

The university released a summary of Smith's report Thursday, in which she cleared Montalbano and others of wrongdoing but said they made "mistakes" and UBC as a whole fell down.

"The systemic failure in this case resulted from a cascading series of events in which there were some errors of judgment by Mr. Montalbano and some individuals at the Sauder School, and some unlucky circumstances," Smith wrote.

The clash between Montalbano and Berdahl erupted in August when president Arvind Gupta quit one year into a four-year term, setting off a flurry of speculation. Berdahl blogged that he may have "lost the masculinity contest" at UBC.

Berdahl — whose gender and diversity professorship was created through a donation from Montalbano — alleged in a follow-up post that the chairman had called her and threatened her funding, and her dean's office had pressured her to stop commenting on the topic.

Montalbano was mindful of the need to protect Berdahl's academic freedom and did not intend to interfere with it, Smith wrote. But he should have reflected on whether to make the "unprecedented and unwise" call, she added.

Montalbano said he felt "gratified" by the report but had turned down an offer to return to the board of governors, from which he stepped aside during the probe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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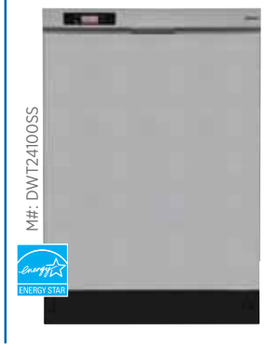

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RIDE SHARING

City hall recommends taxi service expansion

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A taxi sits on Granville Street. The city's report recommends examining the larger ride-sharing issue with the provincial government. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

A long-awaited report on the state of Vancouver's taxi industry didn't tackle the controversial question of what to do with ride-sharing services like Uber, even though it pledged to do just that.

The one-year taxi service review, which called for measures to ensure customers could "achieve the full benefits" of ride-sharing technology without undermining safety risks, instead calls for further discussion with the province and other regional governments before giving Uber the green light or a stop sign.

"We don't think it can just be our job to do it," Coun. Geoff Meggs said Thursday on why the city didn't make specific recommendations.

Uber could easily operate between municipal boundaries, he said, and the city can't regulate Uber alone since it would also need a licence from B.C.'s Passenger Transportation Branch.

"Minister of Transportation Todd Stone has been crystal clear, he will not permit Uber in B.C. unless they go through the PTB," Meggs said, adding he agrees with him.

Uber connects drivers (anyone with a licence and a car can sign up) to passengers through an app with fluctuating prices. Its flagrant dismissal of regulations in cities such as Calgary and Toronto has bred animosity between it and the highly regulated taxi industry, although consumers tend to love it. More than 45,000 have signed an online petition calling for the service in Vancouver.

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45K

Number of signatures on an online petition demanding Uber in Vancouver.

The city report recommends examining the Uber issue with the province, ICBC, local governments, the port, the airport, seniors and people with disabilities and reporting back to council in one to three months.

In the meantime, the report recommends expanding the amount of taxi service on the weekends by issuing permanent peak period, part-time licences to 99 local cabs and 38 suburban cabs. It will also ask the PTB to increase the number of accessible cabs.

Meggs also highlighted the new Uber-esque eCab service for all Vancouver taxis, an app that allows customers to order and pay licensed taxis on their smartphones. (It works well.)

"There's been a huge shift just since the roundtable process began," Meggs said. "Look, the supply will go up significantly as a result of this decision and as a result of the taxi innovations made through eCab."

In a statement, Uber spokeswoman Susie Heath said the company is encouraged by the staff report and is committed to meeting with officials to form a plan for ride-sharing in B.C.

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Vancouverites stare down loneliness in experiment

EYE CONTACT

Participant calls the experience transformative

Thandi Fletcher
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Abby Greenbull makes eye contact with a stranger at English Bay on Thursday evening. She was one of hundreds of people taking part in what is believed to be the world's biggest eye contact experiment. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

After peering into the eyes of strangers, Abby Greene Bull says she was pleasantly surprised by what she found staring back at her.

"All the faces that I've seen are really kind," the Burnaby resident told Metro. "I thought it was really interesting because in Vancouver, I find that people aren't that friendly."

Greene Bull was one of hundreds of people who descended on English Bay on Thursday evening to spend two hours sitting on the grass and making eye contact with strangers. The group joined more than 100,000 people around the world taking part in what they deem to be the planet's largest eye-contact experiment, inviting people to put down their smart phones and stare into each other's eyes for a full minute.

Tim Sharp, who organized the event in Vancouver, said he was surprised to see so many people taking part.

"People are looking for that human connection, I suppose," said Sharp. "These days we're all so wrapped up in our own individual experience, this offers an opportunity to actually connect to another person."

With the sun setting behind English Bay's inukshuk on Thursday evening, participants paired up, sitting on blankets and pillows, while they spent time locking eyes before moving on to the next person. While some participants, seemingly embarrassed, collapsed in fits of giggles at times, the experience proved to be emotional for many.

Tara Garrity, who lives in Vancouver, said she was invited to the event on Facebook and decided to attend as a joke.

"I thought this was going to be funny, but I think I'm going to cry soon," she said as her eyes welled up with tears. "It kind of feels like they can see your emotional baggage through your eyes."

> **These days we're all so wrapped up in our own individual experience, this offers an opportunity to actually connect to another person.** Tim Sharp

For Burnaby's Greene Bull, she said the event helped break down the barriers that she feels keeps many Vancouverites from interacting with each other.

While her opinion of the city as a relatively unfriendly place hasn't wavered, she admitted the experience was transformative.

"It changes my opinion about me," she said. "If I've decided that I'm going to make friends, then maybe I need to have a staring contest with someone and show them kind eyes. "You can't really change other people but you can change yourself."

MACKENZIE

B.C., N.W.T to manage major river

A new, trans-boundary agreement that commits British Columbia and the Northwest Territories to working together to manage the waters of the Mackenzie River basin shouldn't have a dramatic effect on industry in the region, says B.C.'s environment minister.

Mary Polak was in Vancouver on Thursday alongside her territorial counterpart, Environment and Natural Resources Minister Michael Miltenberger, to sign the British Columbia and Northwest Territories Bilateral Water Management Agreement.

"Over the coming years … you'll see a much more streamlined and much more aggressive approach to managing water resources," said Polak.

She played down any impact the deal may have on resource development in the basin, saying that the announcement gives greater certainty to industry and mostly formalizes what has been in the works "for many, many years."

Before sitting down with Miltenberger to officially sign the deal, Polak referenced what she described as an old saying: "Whisky's for drinking and water's for fighting over."

"But I think we've proven with these agreements that it doesn't have to be that way, that we truly can collaborate."

Miltenberger lauded the accord as the second of its kind, following a similar deal his government signed with Alberta in March, that places an emphasis on the importance of water for the aquatic ecosystem.

"In this case, 85 to 90 per cent of the water is going to stay in the basin to make sure the basin can thrive and survive," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BRIDGE RIVER

Attack at B.C. First Nation office leaves community reeling

A man who died following a rampage in a British Columbia First Nations community went from office to office beating employees with a weapon before he could be stopped, says the chief of the Bridge River Indian Band.

Susan James said her village of less than 400 people is reeling following the attack that left 11 people injured. The unnamed man who died was also a member of the band and is reported to have used a hammer.

"This person entered several offices," James said about Wednesday's attack. "There wasn't an awareness of what was taking place. He just entered three offices, kind of in a row, and inflicted injury in those offices before anybody noticed that something was happening."

RCMP said they were called just before 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to a report of a man with a weapon at the office of the Bridge River Indian Band, also known as the Xwisten, about nine kilometres northwest of the Interior community of Lillooet.

Officers arrived to find the suspect restrained. He was arrested, but police said they were unable to transport him because he was unconscious and unresponsive. He could not be revived.

James said three of the victims with the most serious injuries are women who work for the band. They remain in hospital in Kamloops. She said the band's administrator and another man, who was visiting the office, were also injured and are still in hospital.

James didn't name the man who died, but said he was young.

"I can't say that he had a mental episode," she said. "I just know he's a band member who didn't have a job, wasn't employed, and was living in the community and obviously needed some kind of help that we weren't giving him."

James said poverty, unemployment and mental health troubles are long-standing issues among band members. She said the man wasn't considered dangerous.

"Who can expect that someone can be that violent. I personally can't."

She said she expects the community to do some deeply personal soul-searching to examine what kind of emotional and social support it can offer members. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Members of the Bridge River Indian Band gather around a fire near the office where one man died following an attack on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Riding Profile: Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam

ELECTION 2015 Metro looks at ridings across the Lower Mainland to find out what candidates think are the biggest issues and why people should vote for them.

ON THE RECORD

Metro asks the candidates

Population: 110,277

Also running:
Lewis Clarke Dahlby, Libertarian

Candidates' comments have been edited for length

Brad Nickason — Green

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?
The threats from climate change and the safety of our rail yards and railways. We had a big drought this summer. Much of Port Coquitlam is in a flood zone. All the oil that Kinder Morgan ships out, goes through our communities. Green and emerging technologies have been outpacing fossil fuel job creation for some time. By investing in that future sooner, we could avoid the growing costs of mitigation and reap the benefits by being leaders who create business, research, and job opportunities locally.

Why should people vote for you?
We say tackle climate change now. We need a democracy where every vote counts in proportional representation. Slash student debt and eventually get rid of tuition fees. Defend Canada's health care and add prescription drugs. Re-invest in the CBC, arts and culture and in Canada Post to get the mail to our doors.

Ron McKinnon — Liberal

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What is the most important issue in your riding?
The economy; more specifically: affordable housing and jobs. That's why we are proposing to invest in much needed infrastructure for transportation, the environment, and social infrastructure. This will create jobs throughout Canada, and rejuvenate government revenues as well, so that we can continue to prosper in a sustainable way. Our investment in social infrastructure will include incentives for creation of new rental housing, renewal of co-op housing agreements, and social housing and seniors facilities. We are also investing in skills upgrading and training.

Why should people vote for you?
The Liberal platform takes immediate action to kick-start a sluggish economy and get people back to work. It deals proactively with health, housing, veterans, and environmental issues. I'm running to be a Member of Parliament to benefit my community and my country.

Sara Norman — NDP

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?
The economy. People I am talking to are having trouble making ends meet. The cost of childcare is causing hardships. Young people graduating university aren't able to find jobs or affordable housing, yet have high student loans. Seniors are worried about the basic price of living. I am proud to be a member of Tom Mulcair's NDP team that has a plan for the change our community needs.

Why should people vote for you?
I have been a member of this community for most of my life. As a journalist, I've covered politics for many years and held key members of the Harper government to account — like James Moore and the Conservative government's inaction on child poverty in B.C. I am ready to bring that same level of accountability to Ottawa as a Member of Parliament, truly representing the interests of people living in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam.

Douglas Horne — Tory

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?
Our fragile economy and ensuring that we continue to be fiscally prudent and keep taxes low. The Conservative government reduced GST from 7 per cent to 5 per cent and lowered income taxes to the lowest level in 50 years. We have eliminated taxes for thousands of low-income Canadians and created programs that benefit families, seniors and all residents. We have invested in many local projects in our community, including the Evergreen Line under construction.

Why should people vote for you?
Douglas Horne has served as MLA for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain since 2009, holding senior positions, including Deputy Speaker, Finance Committee chair and Member of the Provincial Treasury Board. He's worked in Ottawa and understands how to get things done locally. He co-founded and built two successful businesses and has been a longtime resident of Coquitlam with his wife, two daughters.

SURREY

Police nab shooting suspect

One of two suspects wanted after a shooting near a Surrey elementary school has been arrested.

A 22-year-old man was injured when shots were fired near Strawberry Hill Elementary on Sept. 15, leading to charges against two men though no arrests were made until Thursday.

Police say one of the suspects was taken into custody after he and another man initially escaped when an RCMP officer tried to pull over a red Ford Mustang near a golf course.

Police say Amarpreet Samra was wanted on charges of attempting to commit murder and intentionally discharging a firearm in last month's shooting.

Justice Minister Suzanne Anton lauded the arrest in a news release, stating:

"The hard work and dedicated efforts of our police have resulted in an arrest involving serious charges. We are committed to keeping our streets safe and this arrest sends a strong message: there is no safe haven for criminals in B.C."

Police are still looking for 21-year-old Shakiel Basra in connection with the September shooting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

House fire claims life of woman in Chilliwack
A 74-year-old woman has died in a house fire under investigation in Chilliwack, B.C.

RCMP say Wednesday night's blaze engulfed the two-storey home.

Firefighters found a woman suffering from life-threatening injuries in the residence but she died in hospital.

Cpl. Mike Rail says police do not believe the fire was linked to others that have recently occurred in the area.

The fire department and the coroner's service are also investigating.

Mounties are asking anyone with information to contact police.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caregiver, staff, parents thwart alleged abduction
A woman has been arrested in Victoria after allegedly attempting to abduct a child from a stroller.

Police say they were called to an elementary school at around 3 p.m. Wednesday after receiving a report of a woman trying to leave the area with a child who was not hers.

The incident occurred after a caregiver arrived at the school to pick up a student, pushing a stroller carrying the child's sibling.

Police say the caregiver was approached by another woman who she did not know and that the unknown woman reached down and tried to take a child out of the stroller.

Police say the caregiver, school staff and parents realized that something was wrong and separated the second woman from the children.

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Riding Profile: Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge

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ON THE RECORD

Metro asks the candidates

Population: 94,111

Also running: Steve Ranta, Independent

Candidates' comments have been edited for space

Bob D'Eith — NDP

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?

Families are facing increased living costs while their wages have remained stagnant, making it more difficult to keep up with rent or mortgage payments. Our residents are being forced to choose between life-saving medications and paying their rent. This is all happening while Stephen Harper has handed tax giveaways to big banks and corporations instead of investing in families and seniors. The NDP has a concrete plan to make sure Canadians have access to safe, comfortable and affordable homes.

Why should people vote for you?

New Democrats have a clear vision for hard-working Canadians that will grow our economy and protecting our environment. As a father of five children, I am proud of our commitment to introduce a $15-a-day childcare system and the creation of one million quality spaces.

Dan Ruimy — Liberal

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?

The past year, Maple Ridge has been in the news quite a bit for the homeless crises that we have been experiencing. A lack of affordable housing is contributing to some of these issues. We have seven co-ops that house close to 640 families whose operating agreements are ending. What this means is the federal subsidy will no longer be available. They may be forced to pay more rent than they can afford.

Why should people vote for you?

Governments have stopped listening to the people and they are frustrated — they want real change in the way government does things. I have a strong belief in getting groups of people together to empower them. By creating dialogue, we can start to create awareness and work together to find sustainable solutions. I will not only work with these groups, I will be able to advocate the government to support some community priorities.

Mike Murray — Conservative

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?

In my role in the MP's office, I have worked daily with the people of Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge. While there are many issues important to this riding, such as infrastructure, health, education, jobs, etc., I have become convinced that the most important issue is the economy. A strong and sustainable economy is the cornerstone of providing services and creating jobs.

Why should people vote for you?

This election is about a referendum and a choice: Has the government done what they said they would do? The choice is which party will best manage the economy after Oct. 19? For the first question, the Conservative Government promised to balance the budget without raising taxes. Recently, we learned that the budget was balanced one year early. Only the Conservatives will be able to grow the economy and create jobs, while keeping taxes low.

Peter Tam — Green

CONTRIBUTED

What is the most important issue in your riding?

Our municipality is in desperate need of affordable housing and transportation. The Green platform will try to solve this by introducing a National Housing Strategy to address challenges in social housing for those in poverty. A National Transportation strategy will come partially from allocating 1 per cent of the GST to municipalities to invest and upgrade infrastructures.

Why should people vote for you?

My 15 years in the community, with diverse experience, gave me hands-on perspective of our community from the ground up. My party is the only party to introduce PharmaCare and guaranteed livable income to eliminate poverty and homelessness. We are the only one who will take real action on climate change. Only Green MPs like me can work cross party lines to provide four years of stable, respectful and productive government.

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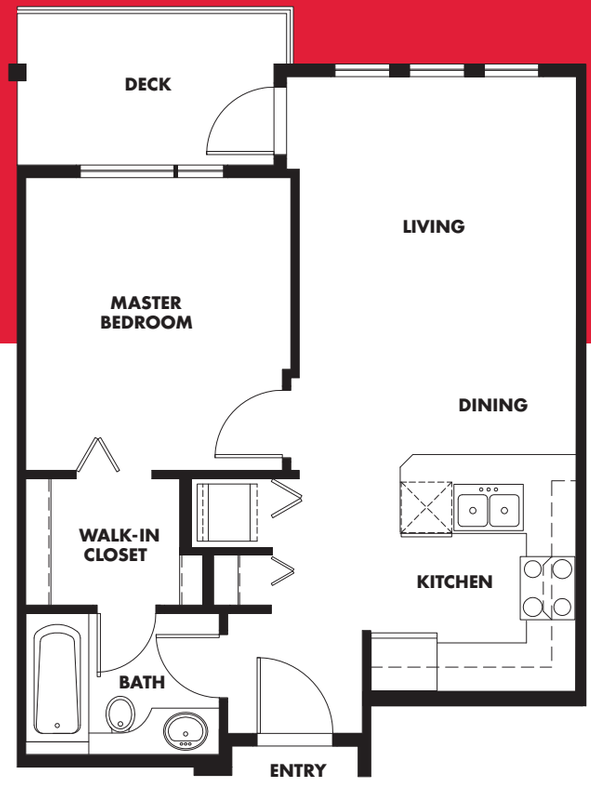

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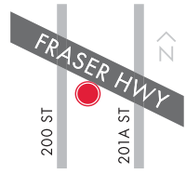

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Minority rule best for B.C.: Professor

ELECTION 2015

Government could address housing and homelessness

Matt Kieltyka
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A minority government may be the best result for those hoping for federal action on affordable housing and homelessness, a University of British Columbia professor suggests.

Penny Gurstein, the director of the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning, was tasked with grading each federal party's platform on homelessness and housing issues as part of the largest Canada Poverty Policy Audit.

Her analysis found that while the Conservatives are pledging to investigate foreign ownership's impact on housing prices, its platform's focus on home ownership does little to boost rental stock or support low-income residents.

Her final ranking places "very low confidence" in the incumbent party's housing policies to lessen poverty among Canadians.

The audit placed "medium confidence" in the Liberals' and NDP's housing platforms (both support a national housing strategy, though Gurstein gives a slight edge to the NDP for setting specific rental targets).

The Green Party, a long-shot to form government, got top marks for an "ambitious" platform to aims to significantly expand affordable housing stock, protect co-operative housing and recognizes the cost of homelessness on health institutions and the criminal justice system.

While the audit is meant to be non-partisan, Gurstein did offer some advice for voters who want to see federal action on housing.

"I do think people should be voting very strategically," she said, by looking at which party's platforms address voter's needs and which don't.

Federal policies have the potential to significantly affect affordability, Gurstein said, and a minority government — as currently projected by many polls — may be the best-case scenario.

"(Affordability) is becoming more and more of an issue. We see new studies almost every day," she said. "I believe that government policy really does shape what happens in the market. It can be done by any government of any stripe.

"I'm actually really hoping for a minority government, it's when issues like these get addressed. They have to collaborate and it would be good for them to listen to what people in Vancouver want."

Academics taking part in the Canada Poverty Policy Audit individually ranked each party on a specific poverty-related issue: housing, employment and wages, income security, women and poverty, early childhood education, indigenous peoples, immigrants and health.

Out of a possible high score of 40 (indicating high confidence that a party's policies would lessen poverty), the NDP scored 30, Liberals 28-29, Greens 26 and Conservatives 9-10.

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City planning to review pay scale

EMPLOYEES

Compensation consultant being sought to study wages

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The City of Vancouver wants to hire someone to review its employees' paycheques.

It's searching for a compensation consultant to take a closer look at job classifications and how much its public service employees get paid in comparison to comparable organizations, according to a request for applications posted this week.

The report states the internal compensation analysts can't keep up with the work because of extensive technological and services changes at the city. It's not clear how much the city is willing to pay the new consultant.

The search comes after high scrutiny of the severance package for former city manager Penny Ballem, who got more than half a million dollars when council fired her in September.

The $556,000 payout prompted Non-Partisan Association Coun. Melissa De Genova to table a motion asking council to review and approve all future severance packages for high level positions.

The question of how much public employees should get paid has been a hot topic at city hall this year.

In July, council voted unanimously to work toward becoming a living wage employer. While most employees are unionized and already make more than $20.68 per hour, it could mean a small bump in pay for some contract workers including building cleaners and security staff.

In January, councillors voted to review their own compensation. Councillors make $68,552 per year while their counterparts in Toronto and Calgary earn more than $100,000.

Mayor Gregor Robertson promised a salary review on the first day of his third term, saying the advent of email and social media has vastly increased the workload since the last compensation review in 1995.

Riding Profile: Port Moody-Coquitlam

ELECTION 2015 Metro looks at ridings across the Lower Mainland

ON THE RECORD

Metro asks the candidates

Population: 108,326

Candidates' comments have been edited for space

Tim Laidler — Conservative

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What is the most important issue in your riding?

The most important issue that persistently comes up at the doors is the economy. The Canadian economy is stronger than other countries' but it is fragile and needs to be protected. People realize that the wrong government decisions on taxes, spending, or deficits can upset our economy, causing business closures, downsizing, and job loss in the community. The Conservative government led by Stephen Harper has proven that our fragile economy is our number one priority. With a $5 billion surplus so far this year, we're pursuing a low-tax, balanced budget plan to protect Canadian jobs and growth in the face of global uncertainty.

Why should people vote for you?

Having served in Afghanistan with the Canadian Forces, I have a deep appreciation for our quality of life in Canada. The human suffering I encountered in Afghanistan was a direct result of a lack of security and a broken economy. My first-hand experiences in the military have given me the drive needed to work hard to stand up for Canada and preserve our economy.

Fin Donnelly — NDP

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What is the most important issue in your riding?

If I had to narrow it down to just one, I would say that families in Port Moody-Coquitlam are working harder but just can't get ahead. They are looking for solutions from a government that shares their priorities — priorities such as affordable childcare, good jobs, better healthcare, and support for their communities. That is why they are turning to Tom Mulcair and the NDP. We understand the challenges they face and will focus on making life more affordable for families.

Why should people vote for you?

I love the Tri-Cities. I grew up in Port Moody, have lived and worked in Coquitlam most of my adult life. I got into politics to make a difference – to help build healthy, sustainable communities. I believe we can reverse the growing inequality in our country by creating middle class jobs and supporting small business. I am committed to building a healthier future for the next generation by taking real action on climate change.

ALSO RUNNING: MARCUS MADSEN, GREEN (DID NOT RESPOND BY METRO DEADLINE)
ROLAND VERRIER, MARXIST-LENINIST

Jessie Adcock — Liberal

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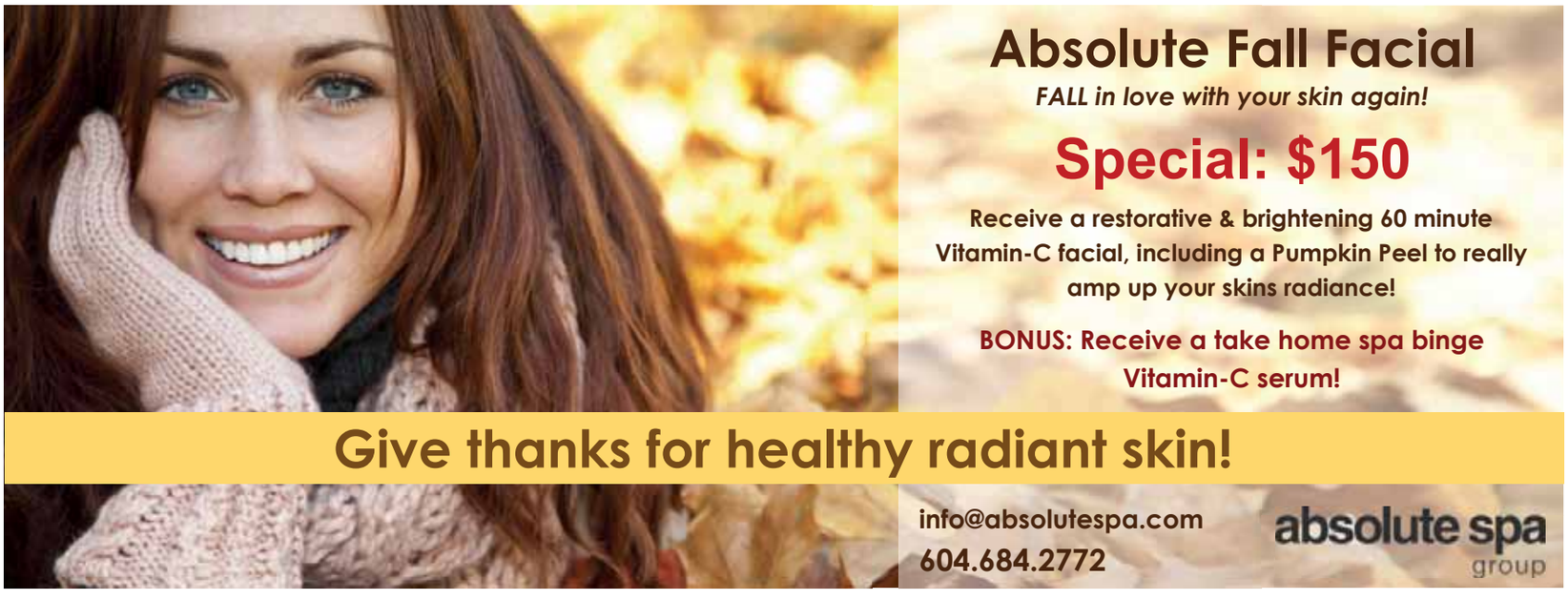
What is the most important issue in your riding?

There isn't one particular issue, but rather three that I am hearing from residents. The environment: We need to preserve and protect our parks, our freshwater and our oceans. A Liberal government will listen to the scientists and experts. We will invest in clean technologies. Infrastructure: Port Moody-Coquitlam continues to grow and expand, and we need a federal government plan that will invest in public infrastructure. A Liberal government has a historic investment plan, which will allow for all three levels of government to work co-operatively. Affordability: We need to ensure that there is fairness for the middle-class. A Liberal government will reduce taxes for middle-class families and raise child benefits.

Why should people vote for you?

I am not a career politician. I will bring a fresh, diverse and innovative perspective to government, as well as a wealth of experience and knowledge with a solid track record of professional accomplishments Prior to being recruited into public sector, I held senior positions working in large, complex global businesses in the banking and communications sector.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From Vancouver classroom to clowning with Cirque du Soleil

ARTS

Gordon White knew acting was his calling from young age

Graeme McRanor
For Metro | Vancouver

It's less than 10 kilometres on a map, but it took years for Gordon White to get from East Vancouver's David Thompson Secondary School to Cirque du Soleil's famed blue-and-yellow grand chapiteau at Concord Pacific Place.

And you only need to talk to him for two minutes to find out why: White, whose family lived directly across the street from the school when he went there in the early '70s, isn't one to rush.

"It was a 30-second walk to school and I was late every day," he says with a laugh.

In comedy, timing is everything. And White got the acting bug early.

"I sort of sensed when I was five or six that it was something I wanted to do as a career," says the now 59-year-old, who plays The King, a featured clown in Cirque's upcoming KOOZA production. "I was inspired by shows I'd see on television — just really enamoured by all the variety and comedy acts, whether they were stand-up — there was a lot of physical comedy on TV in those days."

After graduating, he attended Langara's Studio 58, worked in local theatre, did corporate gigs and toured a one-man show. Eventually, Cirque came calling.

"At first I was thinking it's probably one of my friends doing a fake French accent on the phone," he says.

White auditioned, got the gig and since has been demonstrating there's more truth than dare in clowning around.

"It's just like acting. If it's truthful, people will believe it. I mean, clowns are allowed to break the rules, so that's what happens.

"You get into situations and the audience can relate to it because they've seen somebody in a situation where things aren't going right. They love to sit back and watch it happen to somebody else."

So what, exactly, is the role of a clown in a company that's known around the world for its jaw-dropping stunts?

"This show is back to the basics, just focusing on the acrobatics and physical agility and strength. There are a few acts in the show that are so full of adrenaline, and they get people on the edge of their seats because there's a high level of risk involved. So the clowns give the audience comedy relief."

But there's method in the madcap, he says.

"We come out and do some things that they're laughing at. Then we tell them we need a volunteer and all of a sudden the tension is back.

"But once we pick a victim — we call them victims — the rest of the audience relaxes."

And while White insists there's no extra pressure performing for a home crowd, he's proud of his town, and there's an extra level of pride in performing for his family.

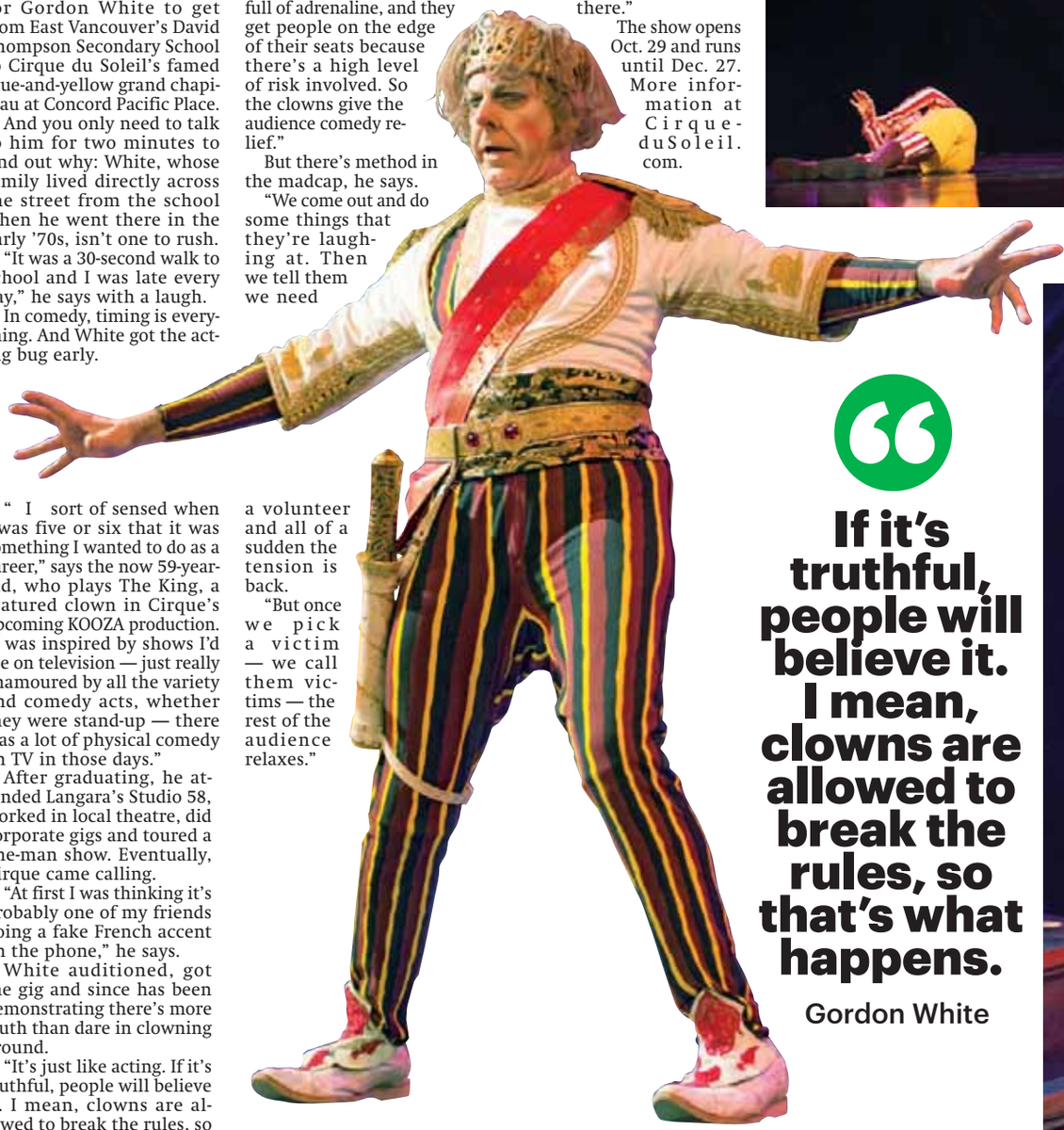
"They're always asking for tickets," he said.

Would he ever select one of them as a victim?

"No, I wouldn't do that to them; they wouldn't let me back in the house.

"You know, I play The King in the show. Apparently, when I go home, I'm not the king there."

The show opens Oct. 29 and runs until Dec. 27. More information at CirqueduSoleil.com.



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Gordon White

All photos show Vancouver's Gordon White in KOOZA, opening Oct. 29 at the grand chapiteau at 88 Pacific Blvd. CONTRIBUTED

READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's daily primer on what the parties are saying about the issues that matter to urban Canadians

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau poses for a selfie with a student while touring Mohawk College, in Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means 61 per cent of young people are now getting exactly what they deserve from politicians: nothing, Rosemary Westwood argues. PAUL CHIASSON/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don't just 'expect' democracy

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro

Over the course of last week, in a deeply francophone suburb of Montreal, 2,017 students on one CEGEP campus cast a vote.

None of those ballots will count on Monday's election. They're part of Student Vote, a non-partisan push to engage young Canadians in politics via mock elections.

But Semra Sevi, the 26-year-old teacher who organized the vote, hopes at least some of the fake ballots will translate into real ones.

Her students, aged 18 to 24, are part of the elusive "youth vote" — the cohort hailed by Rick Mercer as a democratic silver bullet that could "change the country," and sought by groups like votesavvy.ca youthvote.ca, the Council of Canadians vote pledge, and even Elections Canada, which set up special polls on Canadian campuses to lure more young Canadians.

All these efforts are admirable, and I genuinely hope they work. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means that 61 per cent of young people are getting exactly what they deserve from politicians this time around: nothing. Election platforms are offering to people under 45 pennies for every dollar offered to those over 65, according to a Generation Squeeze report.

Why, some ask, would politicians speak to a group that doesn't bother to vote? Why, others ask, would people vote for politicians who ignore them? Some call it apathy; others prefer cynicism.

My view: we're spoiled brats.

You know why young people don't feel the need to value democracy? Because they expect it. For most of us, life in Canada is pretty great. Even for those Canadian children growing up in poverty, there are still benefits to living in Canada that cannot be found in many places in the world — small freedoms, such as they are: the lack of a brutal dictator, free schools, clean air.

When Semra Sevi was asking her students about voting, before she started the Student Vote campaign, they told her they felt ignored by politicians.

"They didn't feel like politicians deserved their vote," she told me.

But the question isn't whether politicians deserve your vote: it's whether democracy deserves your participation.

Anyone who refuses to vote is freeloading. They are abdicating their responsibility, yes, but far more importantly, they are expecting the rest of us to pick up the slack. That's true even of those seeking political change through activism, who would lobby officials for change, without bothering to help elect them.

I've been racking my brain trying to think up some kind of experience that we could give young people so they could no longer hold onto the excuse of ignorance.

Some kind of equivalent to the dangerous two-hour journey to school taken by a boy and his sister in Kenya, and depicted in the documentary On the Way to School. You know what the kids do when they finally get to class? They shut up and listen to their teacher. They had to work so hard just to get there, that they hungered for an education.

And yet we, steeped as we are in the benefits of a rich democracy, seem already far too well-fed.

If young people do not, a la Mercer, "change the country" this time around, I'll be hard pressed to hold out much hope for the next time.

And what they say about us millennials will in fact be true: we have no idea how good we have it.

2015 ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Rosie Westwood reflects on the key issues.

- TUES. Women
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QUICK GUIDE YOUTH ISSUES

Here's a breakdown of promises and legislative measures from the **NDP**, **Liberals**, **Conservatives** and **Greens**

ON EDUCATION

Conservatives:
- Promise to raise government contribution to education savings plans.
- Lower the minimum course length required to qualify for financial assistance from 60 to 34 weeks.

Liberals:
- Increase Canada Student Grants by 50 per cent.
- Allow students to wait until they're earning $25,000 a year before having to repay student loans.

NDP:
- Eliminate interest on student loans over seven years.
- Spend $250 million to create 74,000 new grants for students over four years.
- Improve educational outcomes for First Nations.

Greens:
- Cut tuition fees for low-income students and families.
- Forgive all student loans over $10,000.
- Eliminate interest on new student loans.

ON YOUTH JOBS

Conservatives:
- Increase apprenticeship job creation tax credit.
- Aim to create 1.3 million net new jobs overall by 2020.

Liberals:
- Spend $300 million a year to create 120,000 jobs.
- Create 5,000 "green" jobs.
- Spend $40 million a year to support new co-op placements for students.

NDP:
- Establish $15-an-hour minimum wage.
- Provide up to $100 million a year to create more than 40,000 jobs, paid internships and co-op placements for youth over four years.

Greens:
- Create Youth Community and Environment Service Corps, which would provide minimum-wage employment for 40,000 youth every year for four years.

LATEST POLL **LIB 37%** **CON 29%** **NDP 23%** Source: Nanos/CTV

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The Conservatives and NDP attacked apparent front-runner Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, with remarks about the sponsorship scandal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaders aim for Trudeau

ELECTION 2015

Grits fire back with criticism of Tories' Ford support

The Dan Gagnier drag chute billowed out behind the Liberal campaign Thursday, giving Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair a badly needed chance to catch up to the apparent front-runner, Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau, however, gave as good as he got — at least as far as the Conservative leader was concerned — by amping up the outrage over Rob and Doug Ford's recent appearance on the Tory trail.

Gagnier, the party's campaign co-chairman, abruptly quit his volunteer post Wednesday after The Canadian Press disclosed details of an email in which he provides lobbying advice to an oil pipeline company.

That gave Harper and Mulcair the perfect opportunity to take a swing at a long-standing Achilles heel for the Liberals: the sponsorship scandal.

"They can try to put a fresh face on it, but behind the scenes it's still the same old gang pulling the same old tricks," said the NDP's Mulcair, who could barely contain his glee.

"You can't trust the Liberals. It's the same old Liberal party."

Trudeau, Mulcair noted, has been campaigning alongside former Liberal stalwarts Jean Chretien and Paul Martin, who presided over the party during the sponsorship scandal, in which firms won contracts based on donations to the Liberals with little work being done. Some of the cash was kicked back to Liberal operatives.

Harper, who was in Opposition at the height of the controversy, also seized on the chance to break out some of his greatest hits.

"I think we should all understand that the culture of the Liberal party that gave us the sponsorship scandal has not changed and it will not change."

For his part, Trudeau said Gagnier's departure demonstrates that the Liberals "take ethical standards and responsibilities extremely seriously."

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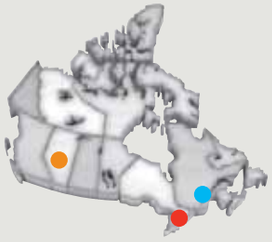
WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Quebec City.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Ontario in Mississauga, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Markham.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Lac-Mégantic, Que., and in Edmonton.
- **Elizabeth May's** itinerary was unavailable.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Harper stays mum on majority

Stephen Harper moved on to more optimistic turf for his party Thursday, starting a swing through Quebec after several days of sweating it out on the high-stakes electoral battlefield of Ontario.

But he's not quite optimistic enough to go where his Liberal rival did earlier this week when Justin Trudeau uttered the word "majority."

In response to a reporter's question, Trudeau said he is asking voters to give his Liberal party a majority. Harper, who was burned in 2004 for making similar late-campaign remarks, made it clear Thursday he's not following suit. Campaigning in Quebec, Harper was asked why he wasn't making the same request as Trudeau.

"We never take voters for granted in my party. That's not our approach," Harper said. "This is a tight race. We're here to encourage choice."

The choice, as the Conservative campaign puts it, is between a Liberal government that Harper says would drain money from Canadian wallets, and a Conservative government that would help keep it there. It's a point Harper has been illustrating all week by bringing a family or business owner up on stage to have them literally count out cash onto a waiting table, all to the incessant cha-ching of an old-timey cash register. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MANITOBA

'Misunderstanding' led to Canadian flag being removed from poll

A Canadian flag was removed from a Manitoba advance polling station on the weekend because a worker felt it violated election rules.

Elections Canada said a worker in Virden, near the Saskatchewan boundary, thought the red in the flag could be interpreted as support for the Liberal party.

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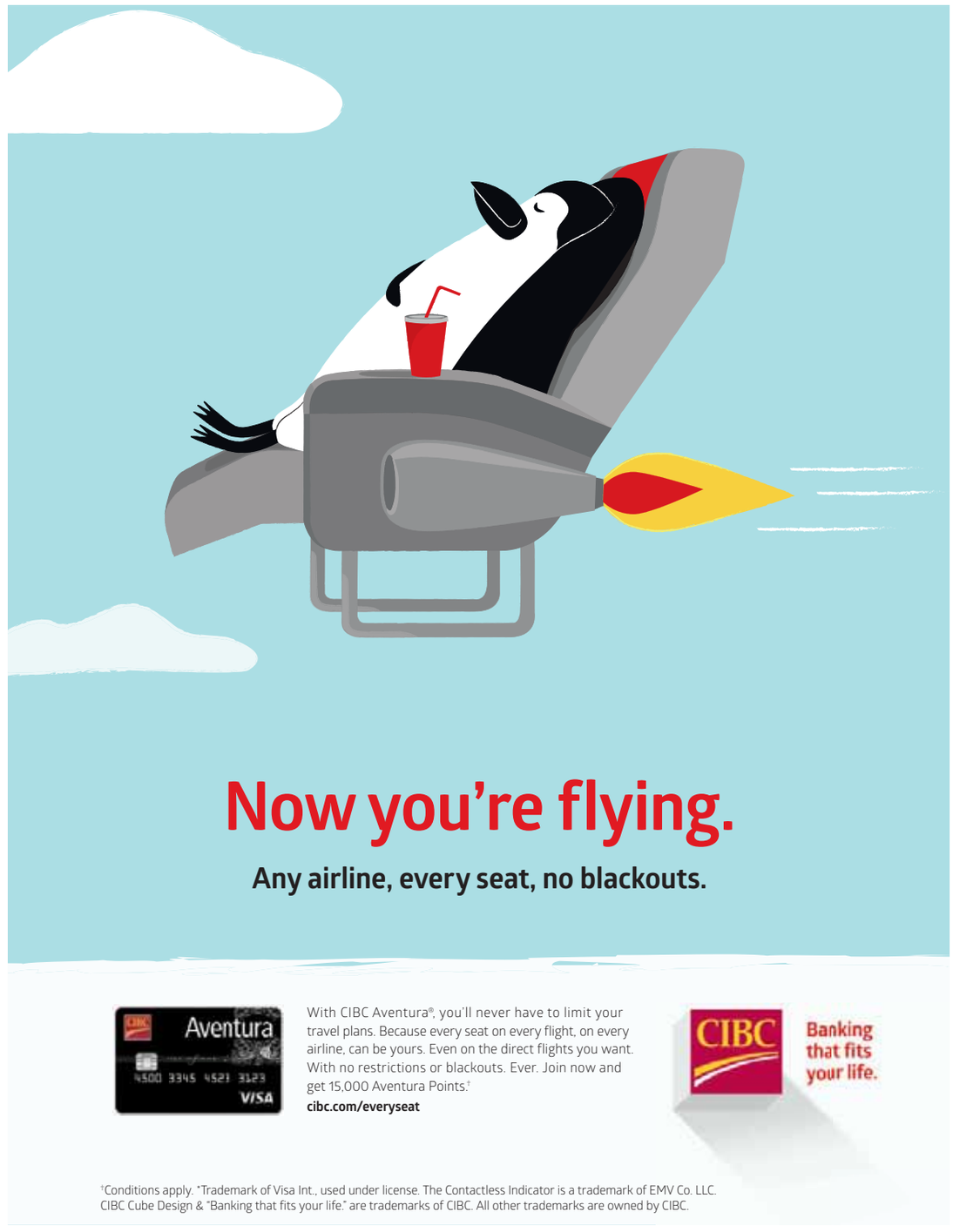
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Poilievre expenses $15K for photo op

INVESTIGATION

Employment Minister used tax dollars to plug benefit

Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre responds to a question during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre expensed $2,200 for a trip to Winnipeg where he held a photo op to watch government cheques for families coming off the presses.

Expense records obtained by the Star show Poilievre billed the public for approximately $15,300 for travel while searching for families not signed up for enhanced child care benefits between mid-April and the end of June.

Poilievre said his travels were important to meet Canadians on their own turf after being appointed minister of Employment and Social Development, and his office said he conducted other business on these trips.

"It was important for me as a new minister of the largest department in government … to be available for Canadians to share with me their views in how we can best serve them," said Poilievre, in an interview with the Star.

"And we were able to sign up thousands of parents for the Universal Child Care Benefit."

Poilievre held a series of photo ops and news conferences in five provinces and one territory between April 15 and June 30, the last day expense records were available in an access to information request from the Star.

The $15,300 includes only trips where Poilievre held an event to promote the UCCB. Other costs, such as political staff travel or bureaucratic support, were not included.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ELECTION 2015

Conservatives snub downtown issues

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Conservative candidates completely ignored questions on the importance of downtowns in Canada, according to a new survey.

Downtowns Canada, an affiliate of the International Downtowns Association, set out last month to collect views from all political parties' candidates in 16 cities.

The survey was developed in consultation with local BIAs, and sought candidates' insights on how their party intends to address four key national issues: infrastructure/investment; social justice; affordable and social housing — with mental health and addictions support — as well as economic development.

> **"We believe our downtowns are economic drivers."**
> Stefano Grande

No one candidate from the Conservative party either responded to the survey or participated in the town hall discussions held as part of the study, according to the report slated to come out before the election.

"Clearly we'd have loved to hear all of the parties talk passionately about the importance of our downtown neighbourhoods, but that didn't happen," said Stefano Grande, chair of Downtowns Canada committee.

The group undertook the study in an effort to bring that discussion to a national level, by getting federal candidates involved in designing sustainable concepts from a grassroots level, he said.

Whether Conservatives' lack of participation in the study affects any future plans for the country's downtowns is up to individual voters to decide, Grande said.

"No matter what political party wins, our objective is to continue with this advocacy about the values of our downtowns," he explained.

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Children reacts to the dissection of a dead male lion in Odense Zoo, Denmark, Thursday.
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Zoo publicly dissects lion

DENMARK

Surplus animal killed after facility fails to find new home

A Danish zoo publicly dissected a year-old male lion Thursday, pulling out its blood-red organs to show a few hundred people — including children — an event met outside of Denmark with criticism and online protests.

Adult spectators brought scarfs to their noses to ward off the pungent smell as they watched the dissection, considered by many in this Scandinavian country of 5.6 million to be an educational program. The event was deliberately scheduled to take place during the annual fall school holidays.

A Brussels-based animal protection group, however, sharply criticized Odense Zoo for killing three healthy young lions this year.

One of central Denmark's most popular tourist attractions, the Odense zoo has done public dissections for 20 years. On Thursday, scores of children stood around a table where the zoo had displayed a stuffed lion cub next to the lion being dissected.

Odense Zoo employee Lotte Tranberg said the male lion and its two siblings were killed in February because they were getting sexually mature and could have started mating with each other and the zoo wanted to avoid inbreeding. They also could have killed each other because they would have been kept in the same enclosure, she said.

On Facebook, a few dozen people on Thursday accused the zoo and Denmark of having a lack of compassion. But on the zoo's Facebook page, ordinary Danes defended the dissection, asking English-speaking commentators whether they ever had been to a slaughterhouse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Lockerbie bombing suspects sought
Scottish prosecutors say they have identified two Libyans as suspects in the 1988 bombing of a passenger jet over the town of Lockerbie, and want to interview them in Tripoli.

The unnamed Libyans are suspected of involvement with Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, the only person convicted in the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

Cultural heritage sites threatened

A labour camp in Albania, a burial site in Chile and a Spanish mission in New Mexico are among a list of cultural heritage sites threatened by neglect, overdevelopment or social, political and economic change, a preservation group announced Thursday.

The World Monuments Fund's biennial list cited 50 sites from ancient times to modern times in 36 countries.

The New York-based preservation group began issuing its World Monuments Watch list in 1996 to call attention to important landmarks threatened around the world in an effort to promote awareness and action.

The organization listed the notorious Spac Prison in Albania for its advanced state of deterioration — a site the group said deserved to be saved as a modern place of remembrance.

The General Cemetery of Santiago, a burial site of presidents and other luminaries, was singled out because of the deterioration it has suffered from numerous earthquakes and consequent neglect.

In citing the 1629 San Estevan Del Rey Mission, the organization said restoration of the national historic landmark in Acoma, New Mexico, was long overdue and in dire need of investment.

Other endangered sites on the list include Pavlopetri, an ancient submerged city in southern Greece that the group said was threatened by pollution and the disturbance of large ships. The Moseley Road Baths in Birmingham, England, was cited as an Edwardian time capsule still in use but in danger of closing due to government cutbacks.

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Valeant facing scrutiny in U.S.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Subpoenas follow price hikes for two heart drugs

Valeant Pharmaceuticals stock plunged again Thursday after the company said U.S. federal prosecutors in Massachusetts and New York are seeking information on its drug pricing, distribution and patient assistance program.

The Quebec-based company, the largest drug company in the country, said most of the materials requested by the subpoenas from the U.S. Attorney's offices in the two states relate to the company's patient assistance programs, including financial support provided for patients and pricing decisions.

The U.S. Congress became interested in Valeant following its purchase of the heart drugs Nitropress and Isuprel and subsequent price increases, which ranged from a doubling to a more than tripling in price for the drugs. The drugs are administered in hospitals as part of a larger treatment protocol.

$4.9 billion

Valeant Pharmaceuticals said its overall $4.9 billion US in revenues in the first half of the year included only $126 million US from Nitropress and $121 million US from Isuprel.

Responding to a letter from Sen. Claire McCaskill, Valeant chairman and CEO Michael Pearson said the higher list price for its two drugs won't affect patients and will have a "limited impact" on hospital costs because reimbursements for procedures including these drugs from the patient's insurance provider or a federal health program won't change.

"Because these drugs are hospital-administered and generally are not purchased directly, increasing the cost of the drugs to hospitals should not reduce patient access," he said.

Valeant said heavy discounts and price caps reduce the impact of high gross prices. For example, it earned just $317,588 US in net revenues from the sale of Isuprel to the Department of Veterans Affairs as of Sept. 30 even though gross sales were $10.9 million US.

Pearson said the price hikes have stimulated other companies to work on lower-priced alternatives.

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Canada's largest drugmaker said most of the information requested relate to patient assistance programs, including financial support for patients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

REAL ESTATE

Home sales slowing down

Canadian home sales in September were down from August as some of the country's hottest real estate markets saw sales cool, but prices continued to show strength.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday that home sales in September through its Multiple Listing Service were down 2.1 per cent compared with August.

The drop came as the number of sales fell in more than half of the local markets tracked in September, led by declines in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto.

Sales in Vancouver were down 3.8 per cent for the month, while Toronto slipped 3.5 per cent. Calgary dropped 7.5 per cent.

Some of Canada's hottest markets saw home sales cool last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Compared with a year ago, September sales for the country were up 0.7 per cent.

BMO senior economist Sal Guatieri said the Canadian housing market is cooling somewhat. However, prices were "frothy" in the Vancouver and Toronto markets.

The national average price for a home sold in September was $433,649, up 6.1 per cent from the same month a year ago. But, excluding the Vancouver and Toronto markets, the average was $334,705, up 2.9 per cent from September last year.

"The story for the Greater Vancouver area and Greater Toronto area is that continued strong demand for a limited supply of detached properties is sending prices through the roof as international migrants, young millennials and an apparent influx of foreign wealth flock to these two areas," Guatieri said.

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EMPLOYMENT

Interns ripe for exploitation

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The job posting on the Indeed website for an internship with the Epstein Management music agency reads like a union leader's nightmare.

Manager and promoter Amir Epstein says he's fielded at least two dozen applications for the position since it was first advertised in August. He said he doesn't believe his posting violates the law.

In Ontario, where Epstein Management is located, unpaid internships are legal only under certain criteria.

Epstein Management is far from the only company looking for unpaid interns despite Ontario's ongoing crackdown on the practice. More than a dozen ads on Kijiji seek volunteer labour.

The youth unemployment rate sits at 13.1 per cent — almost double the national average — as about 170,000 fewer young people are in the workforce than before the recession. Critics suggest that makes young Canadians vulnerable to exploitation from those seeking free labour.

Labour lawyer Andrew Langille said there's nothing wrong with internships that provide education and skills to young people without pay, but that the current lack of protections leaves the system ripe for exploitation.

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CAM TUCKER DEFENDS BAUTISTA'S BAT FLIP

The home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. It was the biggest moment in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter. The celebration that followed was of sheer passion.

FLIPPING CONTROVERSIAL **Jose Bautista's extravagant bat toss was fitting because he led the Jays to an epic comeback Wednesday, writes Cam Tucker.** DARREN CALABRESE /THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was the bat flip to end all bat flips. Epic. Defiant. Oh, and of course it was controversial.

Jose Bautista, after launching the most important home run for the Toronto Blue Jays in more than 20 years and the most important of his career, stood at home plate and in a swift, strong motion, tossed the bat he used to drive his team to the American League Championship Series into the air before the customary trot around the bases at Rogers Centre.

It is now an iconic moment. Social media made sure of that.

It's been 22 years since Joe Carter won the World Series for the Blue Jays on a home run to left field at was then the Sky Dome, the shots of him leaping into the air with that uninhibited smile as he rounded his way into history still ingrained in the minds of Canadians. Pure joy. No bat flip, though.

Naturally, what Bautista did Wednesday was going to draw critics.

Heck, the benches cleared when the triumphant hero reached home plate. It's garnered discussion throughout North America, on social media and sports talk radio, and has been written about on ESPN and Deadspin.

Among the notables to oppose Bautista's action is Texas pitcher Sam Dyson, who threw right into Bautista's wheelhouse and promptly watched the ball sail into the delirious frenzy of blue and white beyond the left-field fence.

If we demand our professional athletes remain stoic and subdued in their greatest moments, the fun and emotion is removed from the experience.

Of Bautista's bat flip, Dyson told reporters in Toronto: "Just kind of respect the game a little more."

And, "He's doing stuff that kids do in Wiffle ball games and backyard baseball."

Look, perhaps it would be justifiable to take issue with Bautista's bat flip if he busted that out in the middle of May against a team like the Oakland Athletics in the seventh inning of a blowout game. Forget disrespectful. Then it would just look silly

But this was Game 5 of the American League Division Series, winner take all. The Blue Jays trailed the series 2-0, looking dead and done, only to come roaring back to life, resurrecting fans who may have thought it was all over when the team departed for Texas for Games 3 and 4.

The three-run Bautista dinger broke open a 3-3 deadlock in the deciding game, providing the climax to the emotional — understatement — and now famous seventh inning.

It involved one of the strangest plays, when Toronto's Canadian catcher Russell Martin went to throw the ball back to the pitcher, hitting the bat of Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo — a live ball — leading to the go-ahead run for Texas. A lengthy umpires' review solidified the run, angering the Toronto crowd.

With the lead and nine outs away from advancing, the Rangers then committed three errors in the bottom half of the inning, leading to the Toronto comeback and Bautista's dinger. The benches cleared — twice. This wasn't ordinary. This was playoff baseball, if you'll pardon the expression, on steroids.

And the Bautista home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. He's hit plenty of those in his career with the Blue Jays.

It was the biggest moment in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter.

The celebration that followed was of sheer passion.

Sure, there are boundaries to celebrations. But how is Bautista tossing the bat any different from the New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski spiking the football like he's trying to bury it?

If we demand our professional athletes remain stoic and subdued in their greatest moments, the fun and emotion, which is what October baseball is all about, is removed from the experience.

Robots don't play the game. Humans do. And humans tend to celebrate great accomplishments.

And that's why people shouldn't flip out over Bautista's bat flip.

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Government approach to science reads — sadly — like satire

John Dupuis
For Metro

It's been a great month for Canadian science. Queen's University physicist Arthur McDonald won the Nobel Prize for, as the citation reads, "the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass." Curiosity-driven science done at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory; pure science done in Canada by a Canadian.

Of course, pro forma congratulations were issued by the prime minister's office.

But sometimes satire can reflect reality better than anything true. Consider the recent Beaverton headline, "Harper left wondering who let Nobel Prize winner Arthur McDonald talk to the media." It's not literally true. McDonald did his fair share of interviews talking about his work and stressing the importance of the government balancing basic and applied research. He didn't explicitly mention our government, but we all knew what he meant.

The Nobel Committee has a history of making subtle political points with their choices. It's not hard to imagine they saw this election as an opportunity to make a point about basic science while acknowledging a deserving Canadian.

Back in 2013, Canada's National Research Council abandoned its balance of pure and applied research for a nearly exclusive focus on industry-driven work. As the new director at the time said, "Scientific discovery is not valuable unless it has commercial value." That's not how you discover neutrinos, or the principles of integrated circuits that underlie our entire technological society.

Another headline too good to be true, this from the Syrup Trap: "Government of Canada pledges $30 million to ignoring science." Again, we hear a deeper truth. From muzzling scientists, to dismantling the research libraries at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to cancelling the long-form census, to firing thousands of scientists and shuttering dozens of research programs, this government has been dead-set against the principles of open inquiry in science and society.

And then there's "Tory candidate Sabrina Zuniga says ground will absorb oil spills." Oh, sorry, that's not satire. A Conservative candidate actually said that. It's hard to believe someone could be both so ignorant and contemptuous of public well-being.

Is this the kind of country you want? Before you make your choice at the ballot box, research your preferred candidate's views on science and open inquiry. And after the election, contact your new (or re-elected) MP to say you support evidence-based decision-making in public policy.

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Crimson Peak director has turned down big projects

Richard Crouse
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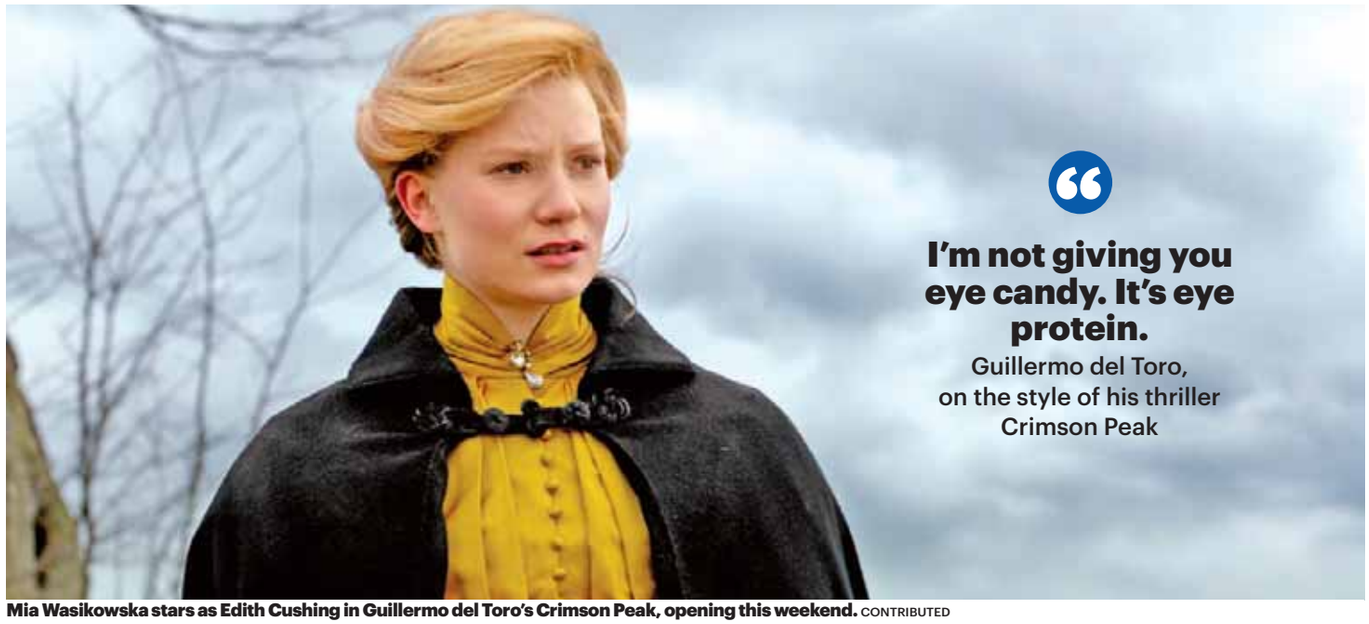

> **I'm not giving you eye candy. It's eye protein.**
> Guillermo del Toro, on the style of his thriller Crimson Peak

Mia Wasikowska stars as Edith Cushing in Guillermo del Toro's Crimson Peak, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Few modern directors raise the hair on the back of your neck like Guillermo del Toro. From the eerie Pale Man character in Pan's Labyrinth to the deadly mechanical scarab of Cronos, he has trained viewers to expect the unexpected.

His latest, Crimson Peak, is a spooky thriller starring Jessica Chastain, Mia Wasikowska and Tom Hiddleston that del Toro describes as an "almost classical gothic romance ghost story," before adding, "it has two or three scenes that are really, really disturbing in a very, very modern way." Also expect a fest for the eyes. "I'm not giving you eye candy," he says. "It's eye protein."

Films like Pacific Rim, The Devil's Backbone and Hellboy have made del Toro a fan favourite but for every film he makes there is Internet buzz about the movies he didn't make.

"I'm famous for the ones I turned down," he told me a few years ago in a candid conversation on my radio show.

Indeed a quick Google search reveals a list of hit films he said no to.

The script for Se7en came his way but was judged to be too cynical for del Toro's tastes. Horror hits Blade: Trinity and AVP: Alien vs. Predator went to directors David S. Goyer and Paul W.S. Anderson respectively when Guillermo declined because he was too busy getting his version of Hellboy to the screen.

I asked him about that period. "To get Hellboy made you turned down..." "A lot," he said, finishing my sentence.

More recently he walked away from The Hobbit, a decision he called "extremely painful," and took a rain check on Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens because "basically I have so much stuff already of my own, and I'm pursuing stuff that I'm generating already."

One project has kept the del Toro fan base purring for years, a proposed version of Frankenstein.

"This is the one that I pursue and drop. It's daunting. This is the most important story in the history of narrative. The most important book in my life is Frankenstein and the most important movie is James Whale's Frankenstein.

"It's like that girl you have been dating for 35 years and you can't say, 'Would you marry me?' "I read the book and realized nobody has done the book. It is amazing to me that nobody has done the emotions that are in the book. The way I want to treat the one I do is not to be slavish to the book but create the same effect the book has which is the incredible journey of the creature."

I ask if he has any second thoughts about the films he turned down.

"Every movie I have left behind or not done I don't regret at all but there's one that I can't help but wonder (about), Prisoner of Azkaban. I really loved the books. I don't love all the movies but at that stage I saw the first two movies and they were a little too happy for me. I thought, 'Do I really want to go on and try to change the entire universe like that?'"

The job of directing the third Harry Potter movie eventually went to one of del Toro's friends, Alfonso Cuarón. "When I saw that movie I told Alfonso, 'I love you and I hate you. You made a great movie.' That's the only one that went away that I will always wonder about."

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Actress talks commune living and The Banality of Evil

Matt Prigge
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Winona Ryder has had her brushes with infamy and trouble, but when we speak, she's gabby and funny, in part because she's really into her new film Experimenter, a semi-experimental biopic about Stanley Milgram (played by Peter Sarsgaard), the psychologist who infamously tested people's willingness to follow orders, no matter how inhumane.

Ryder plays Milgram's devoted wife Sasha, though she's not just a typical movie spouse. It's a chance to work with Sarsgaard and director Michael Almereyda, both longtime friends.

You had a fairly atypical childhood, growing up on a commune in California...
When I say I lived in a commune for four years, people think I was in a cult. (Laughs) And it was not a cult at all. It was seven families in the Redwoods in Mendocino. But my parents were definitely on the intellectual side of the hippie movement. They were more sort of observers. They were activists and stuff, but it's interesting because in some sort of unconscious rebellion I stayed away from a lot of those things.

Winona Ryder. CONTRIBUTED

Your form of rebellion would be doing the things most people do as rebellion.
I never do yoga. We did it when we were kids. I don't do it now. I probably should. I don't do drugs.

That's odd, since Timothy Leary was your godfather.
This is his watch. (Shows watch with no numbers on it). He was very protective. He never let anyone do anything around me. He would take me to baseball games, help me do my homework. He was the opposite of what you'd think Timothy Leary was around me.

Growing up, I imagine you were exposed to the stories of and ideas around Stanley Milgram, as well as Philip Zimbardo and Hannah Arendt.
I remember the first time I found out about him. It was from the Peter Gabriel song We Do What We're Told, from the Us alum. I was driving with my dad and I was like, "What does this mean?" And he told me. And I'm a big reader. I've read about The Banality of Evil and about Eichmann, because I lost family in the Holocaust.

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Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, Ryan Lee and Odeya Rush star in Columbia Pictures' Goosebumps. Black plays the creator of the series with a lot of self-regard and bravado. HANDOUT

Stine 'the Kanye West of horror'

INTERVIEW

Jack Black talks playing author in Goosebumps

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Before we begin our interview, Jack Black lets it be known he'll be doing it fully reclining on a long stretch of sofa, staring at the ceiling. "This is awkward, but it's the way it has to be," he says.

Black may be a bit exhausted from his work as a fictionalized version of author R.L. Stine in Goosebumps, an egomaniacal, reclusive author whose devilish creations come to life and run amok on a small Delaware town.

What do you think about the idea of being a recluse? Ever been tempted?
I am a bit of a recluse. I can relate to that part of Stine's personality. There's part of that just comes with the territory. You get in your Hollywood bubble and you try not to leave because you don't want to have selfies and autographs. So yeah, I get it.

But you've never gone full-on Howard Hughes?
No. I don't have those kinds of demons inside of me. At least not yet. Give me time. I'll be bottling my piss in a few decades, I'm sure. If I live that long.

You're working with a lot of monsters who are not actually physically there.
Yeah, lots of special effects monsters and computer-generated animation.

Aside from King Kong, how much experience had you had with that?
Well, that's all I needed. King Kong was the king of all special effects movies. It wasn't just King Kong that I was pretending to see, it was thousands of prehistoric insects and lizards all over the place. You just had to imagine the whole movie. Every shot of King Kong had a special effect in it. It was mind-boggling. So this was kind of easy in comparison. I was primed and ready.

You're playing this at a particular level of bigness. How do you decide for each role how big to get?
I don't really think about the size of the dramatic levels. I mean, yeah, there's giant creatures all over the place and the world is fantastical, so you can get away with a little more bombast and high drama in your performance, I suppose, but I was really just thinking about this character who is the genius writer who has these dark secrets and dark demons that he keeps hidden from the world.

And for some reason that just said Orson Welles to me. That seemed like the perfect person to model it after, so I watched Citizen Kane 30 times and then went to the set.

Orson Welles aside, I did feel a lot of Tenacious D in this performance, that particular bravado and self-regard.
Right! Yes! I didn't think about that, but there was a narcissism there that was consistent with Tenacious D. He's the Kanye West of horror.

Had you read the books?
No, I didn't. I just read the script and flipped over that, and for that reason I don't think there's any need to have read the books to enjoy the movie.

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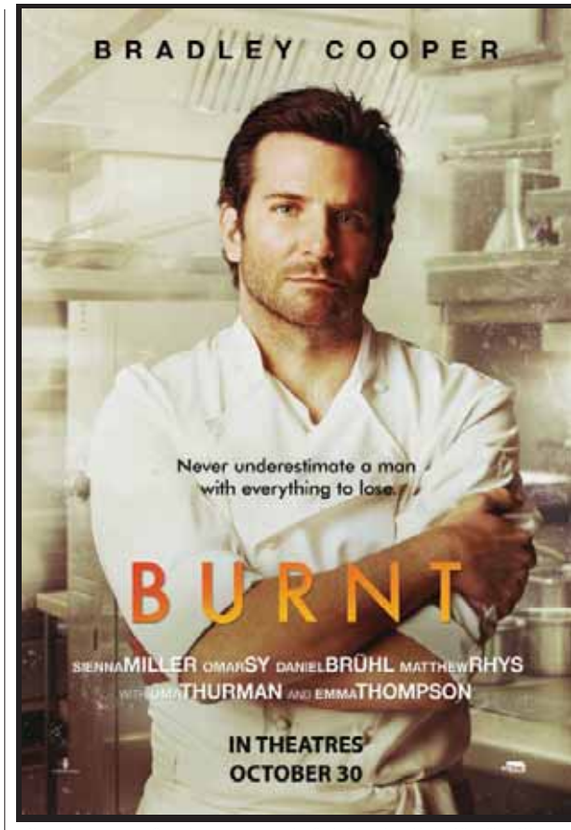
Andrew Garfield, front, in housing crash drama. CONTRIBUTED

Andrew Garfield's latest film — post-housing crash drama 99 Homes — has given him lots to think about. We sat down with Garfield to discuss capitalism, greed, and human nature.

What was your perspective on the crisis in 2009 or so?
To be honest my expertise doesn't lie in the ins and outs of the economic crisis and the crash. I know that in the U.K. the Occupy movement was just as strong as it was and is in the U.S. They camped out on the steps of St. Paul's and there was a big debate about where they were coming from and whether they had anything to say or not. I believe they absolutely did, and do. As far as I can see, they were fighting for a reformation of a sick system, a sick and corrupt system that breeds selfishness and greed and separateness.

Can an economic system have a survival instinct?
Well, it's fear of change, right? ... "Why would we want to go with something different? This works! (Just) ignore the people who are dying." Ignore the people who are getting hooked on drugs because they can't bear the pain of living a life unsupported by the American dream that claims they can be whatever the they want to be, which is bulls— ... We're not supposed to be whatever we want to be, we're supposed to be ourselves. Each person has a very specific thing to do on this planet. That's my belief. You're not going to be Kanye West ... You're going to be you if you work at you. Why would you want to be anyone else?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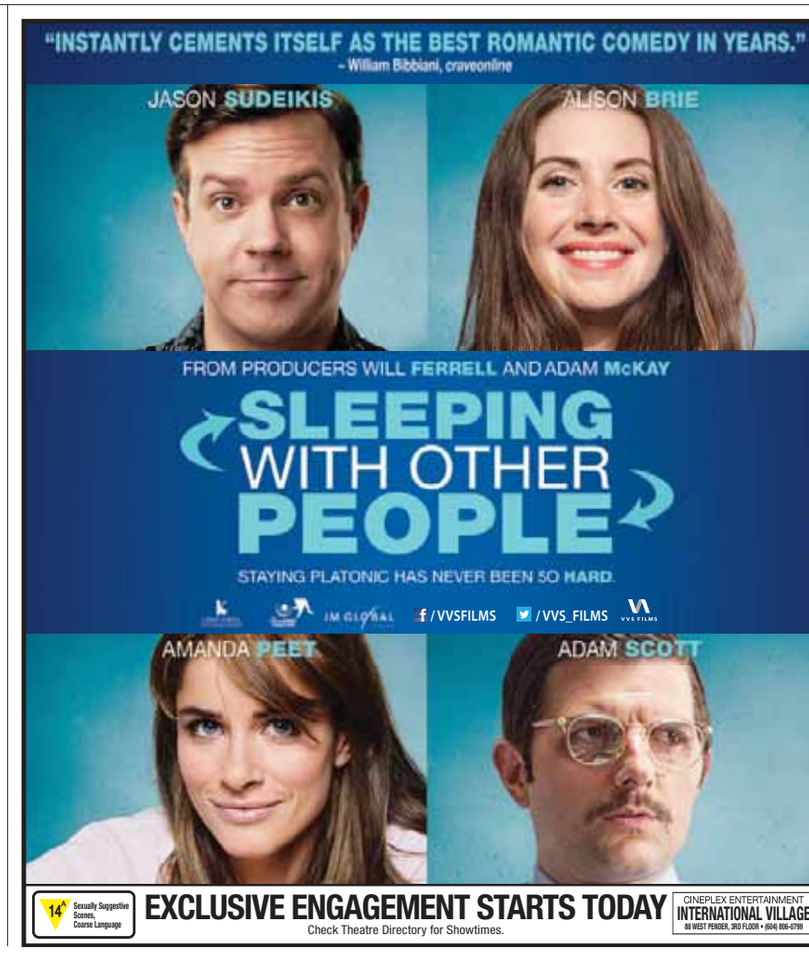


Forbes announces richest YouTubers

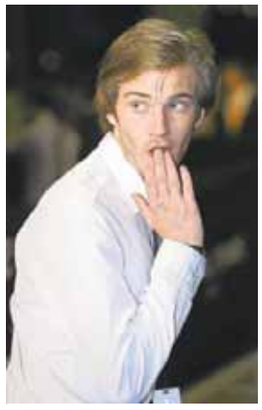
INTERNET

Gamer, pranksters, dancing violinist top list

YouTube's top-earning celebrity is a 25-year-old video-game-playing jokester who took in $12 million over the past year.

Forbes magazine says Sweden's Felix Kjellberg, better known by his handle PewDiePie, tops its first list of people who have spun short online videos into huge piles of cash.

YouTube stars make money mainly by getting paid to interact with products on their channels and sharing ad revenue with YouTube. Some also star in movies, write books, go on tour, sell music or cut endorsement deals. They're a hit with younger audiences and brands trying to reach the next generation of consumers.



Felix Kjellberg, a.k.a. PewDiePie, took in $12 million in the last year. GETTY IMAGES

Two acts tied for second on Forbes' list, both earning $8.5 million: comedy prankster duo Smosh — Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla — and the Fine Brothers, Benny and Rafi Fine.

Dancing violinist Lindsey Stirling ranked fourth with $6 million. Tied for fifth were comedians Rhett and Link — made of Rhett McLaughlin and Charles Lincoln Neal III — and video game commentator Olajide Olatunji, known as KSI, with $4.5 million.

Make-up artist Michelle Phan was seventh at $3 million.

The No. 8 slot was a three-way tie at $2.5 million shared by comedian Lilly Singh, or Superwoman; prankster Roman Atwood; and chef Rosanna Pansino.

Forbes is best known for its list of billionaires and the list appearing in its Nov. 2 issue marks its first stab at ranking YouTube stars.

It says it measured earnings before management fees and taxes and came up with the figures based on data from online sources such as Nielsen, IMDb and interviews with managers, lawyers, industry insiders and the stars themselves.

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Where every big cheese is a winner

Devon Scoble
For Metro Canada

Politicians come and go, and no matter who wins the top prize on Monday night, they'll likely disappoint us at some point.

But a well-executed cheeseboard (and a good selection of wine and beer to wash it down) always delivers.

Just ask Shawn Rusich, founder and director of Butter Public Relations, a boutique PR firm focused on food, hospitality, and lifestyle clients.

He's spent the last 15 years working with some of the industry's top professionals, including Martha Stewart, Giada de Laurentiis and Mario Batali, and he's shared his tips for hosting a winning election results party.

Follow Rusich's suggestions for a politically inspired cheeseboard that sets a light mood and encourages cheesy humour:

For the Conservatives

"Like any blue cheese, the Conservative Party has become something of an acquired taste in recent years," says Rusich. If you're not a fan, even a little will leave a bad taste in your mouth. The Cons don't support proportional representation, but it's essential for a democratic cheeseboard, so grab a big chunk of **Bleu Bénédictin**. "It's arguably Canada's most famous blue cheese," he says, "and it crumbles as easily as the Conservatives' approval rating!"

Pair it with: A late-harvest **Riesling** or your favourite ice wine.

For the Liberals

"Canada's oldest political party deserves a mature cheese — preferably one with a little sex appeal, like its floppy haired leader," says Rusich. **Bothwell Red Wine Extra Old Cheddar** is a celebratory choice that reflects the Grits' recent gains in the polls.

Pair it with: A bold **Cab Sauv** from Niagara.

For the NDP

Once-upon-a-federal-election, Rusich would have suggested a strong, unique "love-or-hate type of cheese" with an orange rind, like OKA Classique. But for Mulcair's NDP, he suggests "a more palatable **OKA Light**" with 30 per cent less fat.

Pair it with: An unoaked **Chardonnay**.

For the Greens

"We can all agree that Elizabeth May has helped the Green Party appear less hippy dippy and more multi-platform than ever thought before," says Rusich. "We can also all agree that it's still a grassroots underdog." **Farm House Heidi** is a Gruyere-like cheese with rich flavour and a pleasantly grassy taste that comes from May's home province, B.C.

Pair it with: A dark and heavy stout, like **Mill Street's Oatmeal Stout**.

For the Bloc Québécois

"**Laliberté** is a Canadian Grand Prix of Cheese winner, and a creamy companion to any cheese board," says Rusich. "In fact, it's so good it might be best to separate it from the rest of your election-themed cheeses — to protect its unique and independent identity, of course."

Pair it with: A bubbly, like **Henry of Pelham's Cuvée Catharine Rosé Brut**.

For the undecided

Bummed that your favourite party lost? Sad about our first-past-the-post system? Disappointed in yourself for not casting a ballot at all? Canadian elections leave plenty of room for disappointment, but there is a homegrown (temporary) cure for your electoral woes, and you don't have to wait for the next campaign to try it: whisky. Rusich recommends **Tap 357 Maple Whisky** to soften the political blows.

Pair it with: Bitter tears.

SET THE MOOD

Election night fever

Whether incoming results have you feeling Helpless or make you want to Rant and Roar, Rusich suggests a playlist with the best of Canadiana on repeat. Opt for gentle lighting. "create a relaxing atmosphere," says Rusich, "because nothing gets people more fired up than politics!"

It's fun asking guests to accessorize with the colours of their preferred party, or to play election prediction games with Oscars-style scorecards says Rusich, but don't push for specifics. "Voting can be very a personal choice for some and they may feel uncomfortable divulging (their) decisions in a room full of people."

DEVON SCOBLE

DRESS UP FOR THE NONPARTISAN Don't want to wear your political colours on your sleeve? Two moments from the 2015 election standout as possible party night themes.

In August, a group of Boy Scouts stole the show at a campaign event for Conservative Leader Stephen Harper in Campbell River, B.C. To get the look, pair green, tan or black shirts or slacks with either a striped or a solid red or orange neck scarf.

For those looking to stay more relaxed, there is always the meme-inspiring bathrobe guy, who was spotted in the background of a heated exchange between the head of a private men's club in Toronto and Liberal candidate Chrystia Freeland, also in August. PHOTOS: CANADIAN PRESS AND JESSICA SMITH

ELECTION WHERE TO STAY INFORMED

On television
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DEVON SCOBLE AND METRO

Director pulls the trigger on gangs

BEEBA BOYS

Deepa Mehta explores Vancouver's Sikh gangsters

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

A documentary on Vancouver's Sikh gangs inspired Deepa Mehta's film Beeba Boys. HANDOUT

"The whole point of doing work is to surprise yourself and others," says Deepa Mehta. The director of art house hits like Water, Bollywood/Hollywood and Midnight's Children will certainly raise a few eyebrows with her new film Beeba Boys.

The movie is a violent look at a Vancouver gang of second and third generation Indo-Canadian criminals known as the Beeba Boys. It features the first car chase in any of her films and certainly contains more gunplay and violence than any other of her personal, introspective movies.

"I've always been a sucker for gangster films," she says. "Tarantino, eat your heart out."

The Toronto-based Mehta first became aware of Vancouver's Sikh gangs from a CBC documentary. It's a violent culture she says the rest of the country is largely unaware of — "after you cross the Rockies it's like everybody has amnesia about what happens in our own country" — but one that gripped her.

"As a director it is really exciting for me to explore a world I don't know much about. It is a learning process. Exploring this world of Beeba Boys, of gangsters, the search for identity, the desire to be seen, the looking for acceptance is a world that is very familiar to me but the way it is told is completely unfamiliar. That was exciting.

"They're not like the Mafia. They're not at all like the Triads. They're not at all like the Yakuza and they're not like the Hell's Angels. They are very culturally based and I found that fascinating."

Whether it is a period piece or a modern day film, Mehta's work turns the camera on her community and the underpinnings of that culture.

Critics have expressed surprise at Beeba Boys because when you put a gun in somebody's hand in a Deepa Mehta movie that's what draws all the attention.

"I'm just happy they are talking about the film," she says.

"The ones who want to focus on the guns will focus on the guns and that's fine. Each to their own. The ones who know my work and wish to see something that is not just on the surface will see that it is a continuation of my work.

"Thematically it is a continuation of everything I've done because it is a film about identity but the story is different and the story calls for gangsters and of course they are not going to be carrying lollipops in their hands. Let's get real."

NEW SHOWS

Dunham goes back a few decades with Max

Lena Dunham. GETTY IMAGES

The writer and star of Girls is returning to the US channel HBO with her new comedy Max which will take viewers back to the feminist movement of the 1960s.

Since 2012, Lena Dunham's series has given us an insight into the lives of Generation Y, with its many challenges, via four New York friends. With Max she takes us back to 1963, the time of the baby-boomers and the second wave feminist movement.

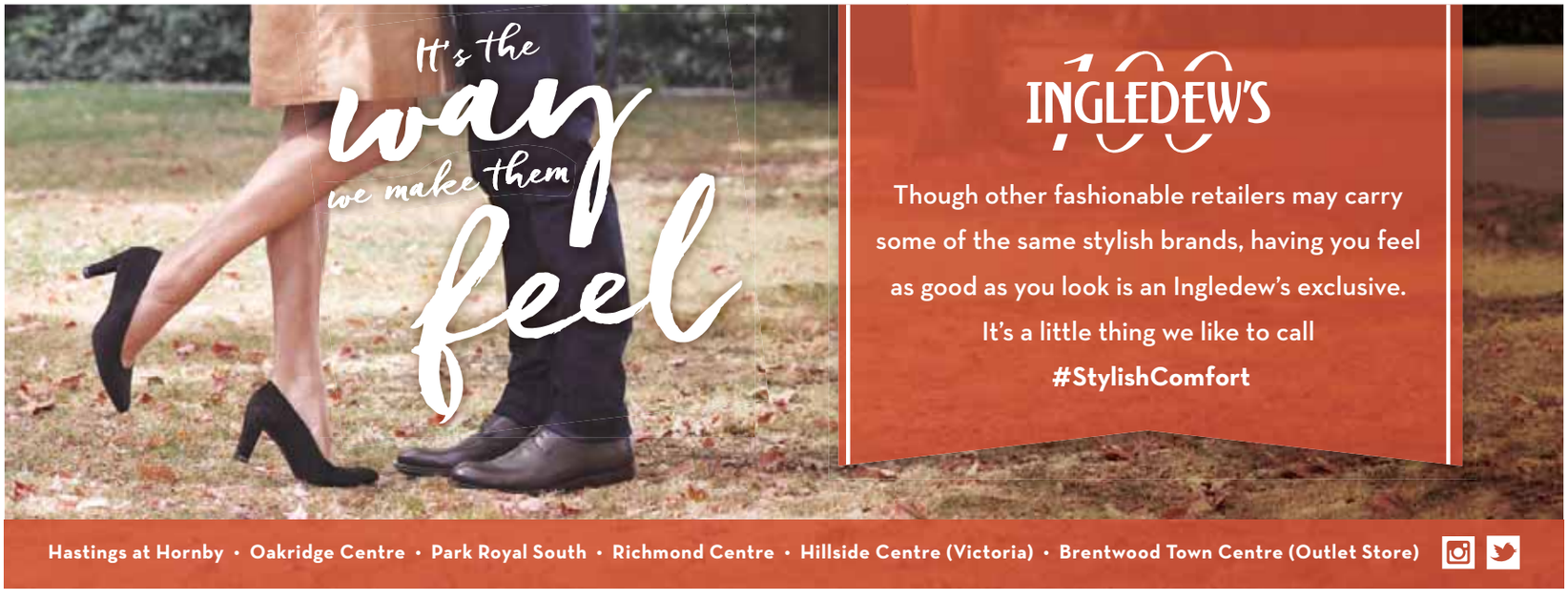
Her new heroine, Maxine Woodruff, is an ambitious writer, who works for magazines. She stumbles into the heart of a vibrant women's rights movement.

Lena Dunham will direct the pilot of this series, whose setting is evocative of Mad Men.

Dunham is no stranger to directing as she has already directed 15 episodes of Girls as well as the full-length movie Tiny Furniture.

She will leave the leading role to Lisa Joyce, an actress who has appeared in Boardwalk Empire, another HBO series.

It is no secret that the New Yorker is a self-declared feminist. A matter close to her heart, she often talks about it in the press, so much so that in September she launched the newsletter Lenny, which covers subjects such as feminism, fashion and politics. AFP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Road-tripping up the beach

OUTER BANKS

Fall the perfect time to visit this giant sandbar in the sea

Vawn Himmelsbach
For Metro Canada

There's really no bad time to visit the Outer Banks in North Carolina, but the shoulder seasons offer summer-like temperatures (at least from a Canadian perspective) without all the summer crowds.

One of the best ways to experience this giant sandbar in the Atlantic Ocean is road-tripping "up the beach," stopping along the way to hike, bike, kayak, surf or hang-glide.

The Outer Banks is a chain of barrier islands linked by coastal highway NC12, home to some of the largest tracts of undeveloped beaches in the country. That means no hotels, resorts, restaurants, shops or hawkers lining the beach — just sand and sea.

The four islands, collectively known as OBX, are home to half a dozen national and state parks, with six towns and 12 coastal villages to explore. On the eastern side, you'll find sand dunes and the pounding surf of the Atlantic Ocean — perfect for surfing. On the west side, you'll find the Sounds, with calmer water ideal for sea kayaking and windsurfing.

Getting there

Fly into Raleigh and rent a car (make arrangements to drop off the car at the airport in Norfolk, Va., if you don't want to backtrack). It's a two-hour drive from the airport to Little Washington, one of America's coolest small towns and worth a stop for the night; it's another two hours to the Swan Quarter ferry (book a spot in advance), which will drop you off in Ocracoke at the southern tip of the Outer Banks.

An aerial view of the beach at Ocracoke in North Carolina. The Outer Banks is an ideal fall destination for outdoors activities such as kiteboarding and hang gliding. VISIT N.C.

Ocracoke

Ocracoke Island offers a 16-mile-long stretch of beach along the Atlantic Ocean — all part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's perfect for water sports; take surf lessons with Ride the Wind (which also offers paddleboard yoga). Or head over to the Sounds for sea kayaking (Ride the Wind Kayak Trips offers guided full moon tours). In town, hike or bike out to Springer's Point through centuries-old oak trees dripping with moss, to the beach where the infamous pirate Blackbeard was beheaded in a bloody battle.

The village of Ocracoke has a laid-back, island vibe, and locals are proud of the fact there are no chains here; all the shops and restaurants are locally owned. Explore this quirky town on foot or by bike, and stay in a restored island cottage or cozy B&B (like The Cove, which offers beach chairs and bikes). You can also camp outside of town; the Ocracoke Campground is located beside the dunes, across the road from the Hammock Hills Nature Trail.

WELCOME

After this month's historic rains, neighbouring South Carolina is mounting media campaigns to let visitors know tourist destinations are open, as are the roads leading to the coast.
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Hatteras

Drive up the beach until you reach the northern tip of the island, where you'll catch the ferry to Hatteras Island (it's free, and takes about an hour). The further north you drive, the more developed it gets. But, like Ocracoke, there's an array of outdoor adventure companies here offering everything from windsurfing to surf fishing.

Work those glutes by climbing the striped Cape Hatteras Lighthouse — the tallest beacon in North America at 210 feet — at night, under a full moon. Or go on a trail ride through maritime forest and along the seashore with Equine Adventures.

Rest up at the Inn on Pamlico Sound, a European-style boutique hotel with coastal charm, which offers sweeping views of the Pamlico Sound. Head down to the dock and learn to kiteboard, wakeboard, windsurf or stand-up paddleboard. If you're experienced, you're welcome to bring your own equipment and use on-site storage.

Kitty Hawk and Duck

As you drive up the beach, stop along the way for a swim or explore a nature trail. Once you reach Kitty Hawk, take a hang-gliding lesson — after all, the wind and sand brought Wilbur and Orville Wright here, where they achieved the first successful airplane flight in 1903 (there's a Wright Brothers National Memorial along NC12).

Take a lesson with Kitty Hawk Kites in Jockey's Ridge State Park, where you'll hang-glide down the face of the tallest sand dunes on the East Coast. There's also kite flying, hiking and picnic facilities in this 426-acre park.

Treat yourself to a stay at the Sanderling Resort in Duck, with views of both the Atlantic Ocean and Currituck Sound — which means you can watch the sunrise and sunset over water. With touches like a tranquility pool and evening s'more bonfires, and serving up coastal cuisine in a former life-saving station, it's a great way to wrap up your road trip in style (and rest your aching muscles).

From here, it's a two-hour drive to Norfolk, where you'll leave the crashing waves behind for … traffic, crowds and concrete.

TRAVEL NOTES ICY TRAILS, TRENDING WHIMS AND HOLY SITES

Extreme cycling
Toronto-based TDA Global Cycling just announced the world's first cycle tour in Antarctica. Guests fly from Argentina over the Drake Passage, then to the last degree of latitude to start a seven-day, fat-bike ride to the South Pole. Training camp starts this February at Lake Winnipeg. The cost? A drop in the bucket, at $90,000+. Visit TDAGlobalCycling.com.

Conquer Antarctica ice sheets on a bike. TIM STEWART

Planning trend
How last-minutey are you? Quite a lot, according to a recent travel trend report that stated more than a third of travellers these days book not just short hops but full holidays up to only three days in advance. This trend has been linked to how easy it is to book flights and hotels on your phone and tablet. Sorry, planners. You're just not spontaneous enough.

Last-minute travel gains ground. KATE SERBIN

Bucket list: Bethlehem
Pushed and pulled, destroyed and rebuilt, this Palestinian city of 25,000 in the West Bank is visited by two million people each year. Fill your days with visits to Christian, Muslim and Jewish holy sites, plus monasteries, museums and markets. Fall or spring is the best time to go, when the heat isn't stifling and crowds are thin. Visit travelpalestine.ps.
DOUG WALLACE

Make the pilgrimage to Bethlehem. CONTRIBUTED

See dresses that impress in the ATL

NEW EXHIBITION

Fashion museum opens with Oscar de la Renta tribute

A new museum focusing on international fashion has opened in Atlanta.

The first exhibition at SCAD FASH features more than 80 Oscar de la Renta designs and opened to the public this month on the Atlanta campus of the Savannah College of Art and Design. The pieces come from the school's permanent collection and donations from collectors and celebrities who worked with de la Renta before his death in 2014.

De la Renta was a frequent donor to SCAD's collections and the natural choice for the opening, said Laurie Ann Farrell, executive director of museums and exhibitions and curator of the showing. She hopes visitors whether casual observer or devoted student will learn something about design.

"Everybody selects their clothes as one way of signifying their identity," Farrell said. "Even if somebody doesn't consider themselves a fashion aficionado, I think they can come in and be inspired by what different designers have done through the years."

The pieces on display in Atlanta until Dec. 31 cover decades of work, from a 1965 black cashmere dress with a white satin collar and waist bow to a silk colour-block gown designed by creative director Peter Copping for fall 2015 and worn at the Emmy awards by actress Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Student-docents hold iPads with information about each garment as they guide visitors through the 10,000-square-foot space, winding through curved galleries and small rooms featuring a source of inspiration for the designer. A white, mirrored room contains romantic wedding gowns and a silk-patterned dress inspired by Marie Antoinette while a nearby platform holds a gathering of black and red flamenco-inspired garments with dramatic ruffles and other flourishes.

De la Renta's technique and influence is the exhibition's focus, but the people once inside the garments add to each item's appeal for visitors.

An embroidered silk gown worn by Taylor Swift at the 2014 Met Gala stands next to the entryway. A black and white gown worn by Sarah Jessica Parker at the same event features a large version of de la Renta's signature embroidered in red near the bottom of the skirt's cross-hatched train.

A red silk dress covered in delicate ruffles that Beyoncé wore in a Vogue magazine photo spread stands alone on a pedestal, surrounded by curved black plastic adding drama for Instagram photos.

Future exhibitions still are being planned, but SCAD officials said they want to provide a link between fashion and film. Both are key areas of study for students in Atlanta and at the main Savannah campus.

The museum gallery opens up to a film salon holding cushioned ottomans and sofas facing a 90-inch screen surrounded by backlit bookshelves. SCAD also plans to hold showings and lectures either connected or not to the clothing exhibits.

"Designers are artists," Farrell said. "As a visual experience alone, I think people can walk away with a deeper understanding of how a house evolves over time but maintains that classic elegance." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gowns designed by the late Oscar de la Renta on display at the new museum on the Atlanta campus of the Savannah College of Art and Design. The gown on the seated mannequin was designed for Oprah Winfrey. ALL PHOTOS SCAD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The exhibition shows more than 80 designs by de la Renta, including gowns worn by Taylor Swift, Laura Bush and Oprah.

Left: Sarah Jessica Parker wore this black-and-white gown with a criss-cross design to the 2014 Met Gala. Right: The red gown designed by de la Renta forBeyoncé.

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Hotels sure to pique any appetite

ON THE MOVE

Semi-private dining, diverse cultural dishes to be found

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Travellers in search of great culinary destinations have to look no further than where they lay their head. Hotels across the country are ready to give you not only a great sleep but to tantalize your taste buds.

Intimate dining

Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle is home to celebrity chef Corbin Tomaszeski. The host of popular Food Network shows Dinner Party Wars, Restaurant Makeover and Restaurant Takeover, Chef Corbin has made this waterfront hotel the place to stay for foodies.

Not only has he added his unique flair to the restaurants' wellness-inspired menus, but the chef has also carved out a section of the busy kitchen for Savoury, a secluded, one-of-a-kind 10-person restaurant. The semi-private location offers small groups of diners a five-course meal in an intimate and VIP setting. Dinner can be booked with one of the hotel's chefs or booked with Chef Corbin himself to discuss the preparation methods, cooking techniques, as well as the origins of the dishes. Wine pairings are also available.

Hip hangout

Located in the heart of downtown Calgary, Hotel Arts is a full-service 185-room designer boutique-style hotel that opened its doors 10 years ago.

The vibe is hip and totally sexy — the kind of place where you walk in and realize you are staying with all the fun good-looking people.

However, the real gems of the hotel are the trend-setting restaurants, which have seen local superstars like chefs Duncan Ly and Karine Moulin pass through their pantries. Together with current executive chef Jan Hansen, they have elevated this hotel to a foodie paradise.

My breakfast at the Yellow Door Bistro included Yellow Door Hash made with duck confit, soft poached eggs, roasted peppers, potatoes and Dijon sabayon. A rotation of incredible daily dishes ensures no buffet fatigue; the strawberry mint pancakes were to die for.

Savoury at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto is a 10-person restaurant. CONTRIBUTED

Locally influenced

Montreal's Hotel Le Crystal is a five-star all-suite hotel on Rue de la Montagne, two blocks from the Bell Centre and a pleasant walk to shopping on Rue Ste. Catherine.

A quick look at the menu of the hotel's La Coupole restaurant and you notice something different: from sturgeon and deer pancetta to arctic char and red elk. Using only products from local farmers and artisans the dishes reflect the old-fashioned cooking of the families who built Quebec, First Nations' traditional dishes and a dash of the immigrant cultures that shaped the province's culinary heritage. I had the crème brûlée with maple duck foie gras and the pork cheek confit. D-e-l-i-c-i-o-u-s.

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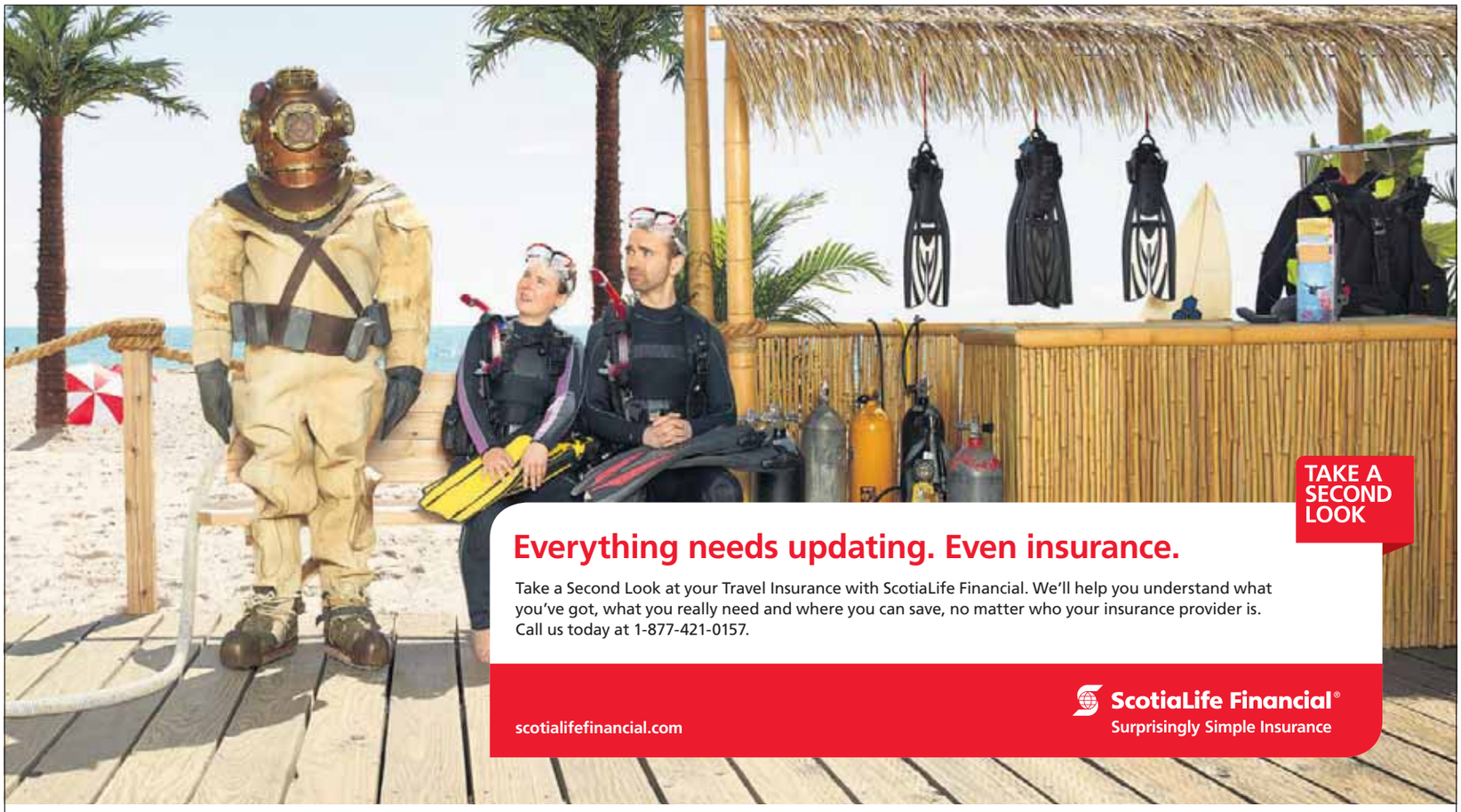

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HALLOWEEN GUIDE

Horrifying houses

Do you want to get scared this Halloween? It's time you saw a specialist.

Whether you venture into the dark by yourself, or go with a friend, Vancouver's haunted houses will keep you scared for the rest of the month and then into your nightmares. They range from kid-friendly — with trick-or-treating opportunities and fun Halloween decorations — to downright demonic.

The following is a cross-section of choices:

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HAUNTED VILLAGE AT BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM

WHAT: Once a year, the spirits of the historic Burnaby Village Museum rise from their resting places and re-inhabit this historical town. It's a Halloween trick-or-treating adventure for smaller kids, with dazzling decorations throughout the village, the farmhouse and the meticulously preserved vintage carousel.

WHEN: Oct. 28-30, 6-9 p.m.
WHERE: Burnaby Village Museum, 6501 Deer Lake Ave.
TICKETS: Adults, youth and seniors are $14. Children (12 and younger) are $9.

FEARMONGERS HAUNTED HOUSE

WHAT: This one is a doozy. Not for kids. It's too scary and it's also licensed, with beer by Granville Island Brewing. Themed after Greek mythology, this haunted house will drag you into the pit of Hades.
WHEN: Oct. 23 to Nov. 22, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
WHERE: 14211 Burrows Rd., in Richmond.
TICKETS: From $66.66.

GRAVECOUVER HAUNTED HOUSE

WHAT: Your shopping experience just got a whole lot scarier thanks to Gravecouver. Drop in as you are picking up the final additions to this year's Halloween costume.
WHEN: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7-9:30 p.m. until Oct. 30. On Oct. 31, visit the afternoon show between 1-4 p.m. and then the evening show from 7-9:30.
WHERE: The Upper Level of Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby, between Winners and Silvercity movie theatre.
TICKETS: $12.99.

John Morris Russell will conduct A Halloween Spectacular Oct. 30-31. CONTRIBUTED

A CHILLING NIGHT OF POPS

What does the delicious terror of Halloween sound like? A menacing underground fortress? The hypnotizing moon swaying in the sky? The gallows looming ever closer?

Feel the chills at A Halloween Spectacular, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's first Pops concerts of the season Oct. 30-31 at the Orpheum.

If you love Halloween and all the spine-tingling music that comes with it, this is a don't-miss performance. It's great for friends, parents and kids. A grand theatre atmosphere and a thrilling soundtrack are also a great recipe for a date night. Visitors are encouraged to arrive in costume for a chance to win VSO tickets.

Led by conductor John Morris Russell, with vocalist Carman J. Price, the program features a goodie bag of riveting Halloween-themed music from many eras and genres.

Monsters couldn't loom any larger than in Grieg's In The Hall Of The Mountain King and Mussorgsky's Night On Bald Mountain — remember being terrified by Disney's treatment of that piece in Fantasia?

Movie lovers of all ages will enjoy the film music in the program. The VSO Pops will take you on a broomstick ride over Hogwarts with music from Harry Potter. Fly high above the city with your best friend from another planet with music from E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial. Journey into the catacombs of the Paris Opera House with selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom Of The Opera.

The night will have you on the edge of your seat.

For more, visit vancouversymphony.ca.

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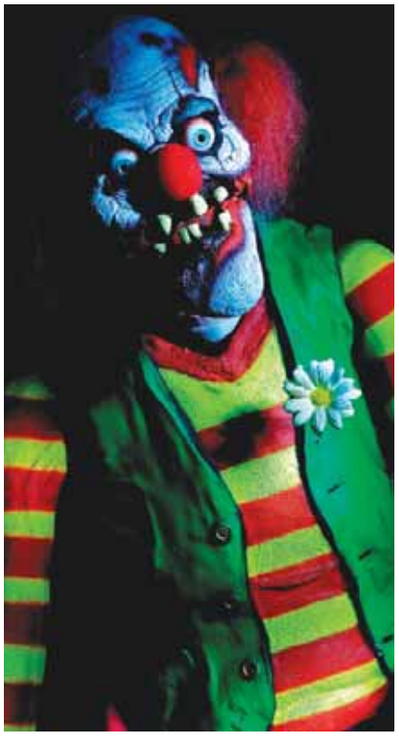

PREPARE TO SCREAM

When you are in a really good haunted house, the shivers, the disgust, and the ever present feeling of unease are almost unbearable. A horrifying creature could jump out at any moment.

Confront your worst fears this Halloween at Potter's House Of Horrors.

Founded in 2003 by a close-knit group of student actors, volunteer parents and various community groups as a Halloween fundraiser, Potter's House Of Horrors is now created by a team of about 20 high-energy staff who bring the house to life with all of the latest animatronics, digital sounds, and high-tech scares.

And during the actual event total staff can reach more than 100 members. From trained actors to makeup artists to security members to cashiers and concessions salespeople, there are numerous employees working hard to make the attraction one of the biggest must-see events of the fall season.

"On any given night it's organized pandemonium," says Chris Pershick, self-proclaimed Head of Haunts at Potter's House of Horrors. "You have the craziest actors doing their absolute best to scare the crap out of people, and, as a result, sometimes it feels like there's a million people running in every direction screaming, crying or laughing. What I can definitely say is that most everybody who comes to our haunted house is having a lot of fun — just in a really, really creepy way."

This year, the event has two new haunted houses for guests to explore — if they dare.

The first, The Ripper of Whitechapel, beckons visitors into a 19th-century London neighbourhood with dark cobblestoned streets, fog and bloody alleyways of the notorious serial killer Jack The Ripper.

The second haunted house, The Swampin' Slaughterhouse, traps guests in a Deep South haunted mansion in a Louisiana swamp.

Known the rest of the year as Potter's Farm and Nursery, a Surrey-based garden centre supplying plants, pottery and garden gifts, the centre converts into Potter's House Ff Horrors every October, thanks to Potter's outstanding staff.

Potter's Farm and Nursery is located at 12530 72nd Ave., in Surrey. Tickets are $10 to $30 online or at the door.

For more information, please visit pottershouseofhorrors.com.

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The rich and moody essence of Halloween

Big Rock Brewery offers a take on Rauchbier

It's October, and Vancouver's craft beer scene is flooded with pumpkin beer.

Are you looking for a fall beer you haven't tried? Rauchbier is radically different.

Rauchbier is part of a long, old world beer tradition. The German seasonal ale style features a pleasantly smoky flavour thanks to the natural wood that was used to kiln its malts.

Big Rock Brewery makes a great one. Its Rauchbier is the brainchild of brewmaster Jody Hammell, who trained in Berlin at the Versuchs und Lehranstalt für Brauerei, one of the world's most renowned schools for brewmaster certification.

"Many other Vancouver breweries do pumpkin beer so well, so we're leaving that to them," Hammell says. "We wanted to do something different."

Big Rock's take on Rauchbier mixes beechwood smoked malt with a touch of peated malt to create an intense whiskey smoke aroma with a smooth creamy finish.

CREEPY CARNIVAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Cap off the end of Craft Beer Month at Big Rock Urban with the Creepy Carnival Halloween Party, featuring the brewery's new seasonal Rauchbier on tap.

WHERE: Big Rock Urban Brewery, 310 West 4th Ave.

WHEN: Oct. 31, from 8 p.m. to close.

DETAILS: East Van band The Works headlines, alongside jugglers, contortionists, and creepy curiosities with prizes for best costume.

TICKETS: Tickets are $15 and include one drink, plus Halloween snacks.

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You will want to pour this beer in a clear glass to see the beautiful autumn amber hue.

"Rauchbier captures the rich, moody essence of Halloween," Hammell says.

The smoky flavours conjure images of shadows dancing around an open fire in a mist-filled forest.

Big Rock Urban Brewery, a new addition to the Vancouver beer scene in the heart of Vancouver's Brewery Creek neighbourhood at 310 West 4th Ave., concocts local micro-brewed beers using West Coast ingredients whenever possible.

Find Big Rock's Rauchbier at the Big Rock Urban Eatery and Beer Store, and at participating liquor stores across the province.

For more, visit bigrockurban.com.

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FIND A PARTY THAT SUITS YOUR STYLE

A same-old, same-old Halloween won't cut it this year. Luckily, there are venues out there that are doing something a little different.

If pirates, wenches and feisty seamen of all descriptions are your thing, jump aboard the Portside Pub's all-out nautical-themed Halloween. Catch the Lovers Cabaret show on Oct. 28, and Good Music Halloween Parts 1 and 2 Oct. 30-31.

The nautical-style pub will morph into a haunted ghost ship for all three nights, complete with mermaids, sailors, and pirates (dead and alive) to serve you craft beer and cocktails until 3 a.m. (the devil's hour) with DJs Nick Bike and Relly Rels.

Arrive in costume to be entered in the costume competition.

If you were thinking about being a famous musician this Halloween, there is a party for you at Studio Records.

The new club on the Granville Strip in Vancouver is a record shop during the day and a bar and live music venue at night, with 5,500 square feet dedicated to local acts, open mic nights, and headliner shows.

Drop by Studio Records for any of three nights of Halloween-tinged, rock 'n' roll events this Halloween: The Rocky Horror Picture Burlesque Show on Oct. 29; Dead Musicians Halloween Party on Oct. 30 as part of Hi-Fi Fridays; and Devils Night V on Oct. 31.

Find a Halloween that suits your style this year.

For more information, please visit theportsidepub.com or studiorecords.ca.

ACT OUT YOUR FANTASIES

Halloween is the one day of the year when it's totally OK to act out your fantasies in public.

There is no better place to enjoy the ridiculousness of Halloween than by donning your best costume and taking in live music at your friendly neighbourhood club, says Les Redekopp, who has owned and managed Pancho's Cabaret in Surrey for 25 years. The long-standing bar is Surrey's only live music venue

"We're unpretentious," Redekopp says. "There's something for everyone at Pancho's."

On Halloween weekend, the two-level club will be decked out in decorations, Halloween-themed shooters will be on special, and everyone who arrives in costume will be entered to win the club's costume contest.

And what would Halloween be without live music? Favourites include Monster Mash, Thriller, and Ghostbusters, as well as the club's signature mix of a little bit of everything, from The Rolling Stones to Beyoncé.

The live headliner on Halloween night will be none other than Guy Jones as Alice Cooper.

"People who have seen him before will know this is going to be a great show," Redekopp says. "The guy goes all out."

On Oct. 31, cover for the club and live show is $20 advance and $25 at the door. Tickets are available at the club in person from Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30 p.m. until 2 a.m., or call 604-583-3536 between 9:30 a.m. and noon to pick up in the morning.

For more, visit panchosnightclub.com.

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Take a bone-chilling ride through Vancouver's history

Every city has its dark tales — disappearances, murders, unsolved mysteries. Learn more about Vancouver's most infamous ghost stories this Halloween aboard Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tours, a partnership between The Vancouver Trolley Company and Vancouver Police Museum.

Held on select days this month, this two-and-a-half-hour tour will depart and return to Canada Place, taking visitors on a bone-chilling ride through Vancouver's ghostly history.

"The Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tour is a chance for Vancouverites and visitors to get to know about the underbelly of the city," says Meghan Neale, sales and marketing manager of Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tours. "These are stories about the city you don't hear every day."

Through downtown Vancouver, learn about stories including the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's Lady in Red, and Stanley Park's Babes in the Woods. Then travel up through the winding roads of Shaughnessy to scenic and sinister Mountain View Cemetery.

Upon arriving at the Vancouver Police Museum, you will hear the story of the Castellani Milkshake Murder, and tour Vancouver's first city morgue.

The tour is for people 13 and older and costs $40 per person, including tax. Group rates are available. For more information or to reserve your tour, call 604-801-5515 or email info@vancouvertrolley.com.

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Face all your worst fears at Fright Nights

There is something behind you in the dark. You are paralyzed with fear. You don't want to know what's lurking, but your curiosity is getting the better of you.

Look your worst fears in the face at Fright Nights.

The long-running, nighttime Halloween extravaganza at Playland is not for the faint of heart. After dark, the Playland fairgrounds become a playground for evil creatures of all descriptions. And they are waiting for you.

Live your very own nightmare. Can you get through the park's seven haunted houses? Each has its own unique theme, including Darkness and Keeper's Doll Factory, and features more than 2,400 square feet of screams and thrills.

The sets and decorations at Fright Nights will wow you, but it's the actors who will make you scream.

Each of the 75 Fright Night actors goes through 35 hours of rigorous training to help them sharpen their scaring chops. It takes a 30-minute process, complete with ghoulish silicone masks, to transform each actor into the unique Fright Nights character they will become.

Once the transformation is complete, they are unrecognizable, and intent on sending chills up and down your spine.

As if you won't have enough of an adrenaline rush, Fright Nights has 15 hair-raising rides, including The Beast, Canada's most intense pendulum ride.

Performances from the Radiant Heat Fire Troupe will dazzle you. Their spectacular fire shows feature death-defying fire-breathing stunts, fire juggling and more. Regulars at the famous Burning Man festival in Nevada, this local group is back at Fright Nights with eye-catching shows not seen anywhere else.

And because every horror story is best when there is comic relief, vaudeville freak show style entertainers The Monsters of Schlock perform three times every night at Fright Nights. Stapling, nailing and otherwise impaling themselves for your entertainment has helped them break 21 world records, three of them at Fright Nights.

Fright Nights is an experience you won't forget.

Get your Fright Nights tickets before they sell out. Save up to $6 on admission online, and get a RapidPass to access the expedited lineups for haunted houses and The Beast, Wooden Roller Coaster, Music Express, Atmosfear, and Hellevator.

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THE GIFT OF ORAL HEALTH

Halloween is a pivotal time for parents to help children learn about oral hygiene, says Dr. Nancy Vertel, certified pediatric dentist at Half Moon Dentistry for Children in Surrey.

"Share good brushing, flossing and snack habits with your children early and you'll be giving them the gift of oral health for a lifetime," says Vertel, adding that having healthy baby teeth could help prevent issues, including speech problems, negative self-image, as well as cavities.

Vertel's clinic offers leading-edge oral care and state-of-the-art technology with a uniquely child-friendly approach. Treatments are tailored to the unique needs of each child. All of this takes place within a fun atmosphere. Half Moon Dentistry for Children is the first and only ocean-themed dental clinic in B.C., and will be decorated for Halloween, too.

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Handmade costumes stand out

Don't have a Halloween costume yet?

If you don't have time to get crafty this year, don't want to wear a flimsy, poorly made costume from the store that looks just like everyone else's, and want to impress the hell out of your party, try renting a handmade costume instead.

Watts Costume Rental specializes in historical fashion, ranging from ancient Egypt to the 1980s. If you want to look like you have stepped out of a time machine, Watts is the place to go.

Great Gatsby-style 1920s flapper dresses and zoot suits are current favourites, as are French court costumes of the 1700s. The store has more than 10,000 costumes available for rent.

"When people come in the door we help direct them to the options we think might interest them most," says Josh Willson, owner of Watts.

Visitors can call or just drop by the store, look around and try things on. The typical rental rate is $70 to $130 per day, with lower rates by the week or month.

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These costumes are the real thing, designed and made in-house by designer Ray Buchanan, who has been with Watts for more than 40 years.

The shop keeps its costumes immaculately maintained, repairing, laundering and dry-cleaning them as needed between each use.

"Presentation for us is very important," Willson says. "Our costumes always look exquisite on you when you walk out the door."

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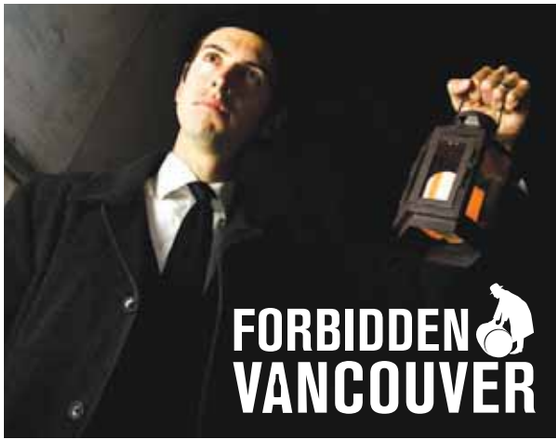

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Your essential daily news

Eugenie Bouchard is suing the U.S. Tennis Association after slipping in a locker room during the U.S. Open

Hungry rookie Ben Hutton finding form with Canucks

NHL

Coach says staff is 'pretty comfortable' with him so far

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

You can count Ben Hutton, born in Brockville, Ont., among the many across the land with a vested interest in the Toronto Blue Jays.

While enjoying a day off Wednesday, the Vancouver Canucks rookie defenceman joined some of his teammates to watch the Blue Jays defeat the Texas Rangers in that thrilling Game 5 to advance to the American League Championship Series.

"I was pumped up," said Hutton. "That was a crazy inning, crazy game. That was probably the most fun I've had watching a baseball game."

Yes, the Blue Jays have entered the topic of conversation in the Canucks dressing room, according to Hutton.

The same can be said for Hutton when it comes to hockey in this town. His play with the Canucks, and quickened journey to the NHL over the last few months, has certainly garnered attention from fans and media.

With a mere four games of professional experience with the AHL's Utica Comets following the conclusion of his college career, Hutton stood out at last month's Young Stars tournament in Penticton, and again in training camp and the preseason to earn a spot on the Canucks' opening night roster.

He's now appeared in all four of Vancouver's games, prompting head coach Willie Desjardins to say the staff is "pretty comfortable" with Hutton so far. A good skater that can move the puck as a defenceman — as he showed for his first NHL point on a stretch pass to Jannik Hansen in the opener — there's an offensive flare to his game.

He thrives on the opportunity to jump up in the rush, and that hasn't been removed from his game at the NHL level.

That doesn't mean there isn't a balancing act.

"Coach definitely wants the defencemen jumping up in the rush and I feel like I'm quick enough … to get up in the rush and get back," said Hutton.

"As much as I want to jump in the rush, you want to play smart, too. You can't be jumping up in the rush and leaving your 'D' partner out to dry for two-on-ones or three-on-ones."

Ben Hutton, left, is checked by Arizona's Dylan Strome in pre-season action. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ROSTER NOTES

Teenagers may line up at same time Friday

For the first time this season, Jared McCann and Jake Virtanen, both 19 years old, could be in the lineup at the same time.

The youth movement might unfold on Friday when the Canucks host the St. Louis Blues at Rogers Arena.

At least that's based on the line combinations at practice on Thursday. That could mean Sven Baertschi, with one point in four games, might come out of the lineup.

Desjardins said he liked Baertschi's game in Anaheim — not so much in L.A. the following night — earlier this week but said he isn't "upset" with how the 23-year-old forward has been playing.

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MLB

Blue Jays victory throws curveball to election plans

The federal election is dealing with a late curveball hurled by the red-hot Toronto Blue Jays.

Blue Jays fans in the vote-rich 905 and 416 regions — studded with ridings that could help determine who becomes Canada's next prime minister — are certain to tune into the Jays game on Monday night while possibly tuning out the election.

The first pitch in the third game of the Jays' American League showdown against the Kansas City Royals is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET on Monday, 90 minutes before the polls close to end an election campaign that's been almost as enthralling to Canada's political junkies as the Jays postseason run has been to their sports fans.

The team's post-season games have earned huge ratings, with overnight numbers for the first three outings against the since-defeated Texas Rangers suggesting an average audience of 2.8 million for the Rogers-owned Sportsnet.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Giants' Ronning near top

Vancouver Giants forward Ty Ronning is enjoying a bounceback start to his season, sitting among the top 20 goal scorers in the Western Hockey League eight games into the schedule.

The son of former Vancouver Canuck and NHLer Cliff Ronning, his six goals — including a recent hat trick — leads the Giants and puts him into a pack of eight WHL players with the same total.

So far, everyone in the league is chasing Tyler Wong of the Lethbridge Hurricanes, and his 11 goals in seven games.

The production is nice, especially given a down year for Ronning in 2014-15 when a shoulder injury took him out of the lineup until January.

But head coach Lorne Molleken has been impressed with the hockey intelligence the soon-to-be 18-year-old forward possesses.

He spoke highly of Ronning's ability to get in on opposing players and steal the puck off them, which in turn creates scoring chances.

"He's a real, real intelligent player," Molleken said Wednesday, two days ahead of a meeting with the Tri-City Americans at the Pacific Coliseum.

"He puts himself in a position to get the puck … and that's a real credit to him. He's a smart player.

"He's probably one of the quickest guys in our league from Point A to Point B and he can skate."

Molleken gave Ronning credit for bouncing back from the struggles of last season, which were exacerbated by injury.

"He's basically worked his way up the lineup to play (among) the top six forwards, which is where we feel he belongs."

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Ty Ronning has six goals for the Vancouver Giants so far this year. CAM TUCKER/METRO

5 STORYLINES AT THE ALCS

The Toronto Blue Jays will play the Kansas City Royals in the American League Championship Series starting Friday. Here are five intriguing stories heading into the best-of-seven series:

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George Bell vs. Royals in 1985. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/CLIFF SCHIAPPA

1 We've seen this one before

The 2015 ALCS will be a rematch of the 1985 version, which saw Kansas City beat the Blue Jays in seven games. Toronto led the series 3-1 before the Royals clawed back to win the next three games and advance to the World Series, which the Royals ultimately won over St. Louis. Kansas City hasn't been able to win MLB's championship trophy since then, and has only been back to the final once - last season. Toronto hasn't won the World Series since 1993, its last appearance in the final.

2 No one wants it more

Before this post-season began, the position player with the most games played without a playoff appearance was Royals outfielder (and former Blue Jay) Alex Rios with 1,691. Toronto's Jose Bautista was second (1,403) while Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion was third (1,353). All three players, aged 34, 32, and 32 respectively, have waited more than a decade for their chance at post-season ball and none have disappointed so far. Rios is batting .286 with a couple RBIs through five ALDS games.

Jose Bautista
FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Bad blood

Tensions ran high in a game at Rogers Centre in August. Royals pitcher Edinson Volquez hit Josh Donaldson with a pitch in the first inning, prompting home plate umpire Jim Wolf to issue warnings to both clubs. Volquez threw a change-up high and in on Donaldson in his next at-bat, then plunked Toronto shortstop Troy Tulowitzki but remained in the game. In the eighth, Toronto reliever Aaron Sanchez was ejected for hitting Kansas City's Alcides Escobar with a pitch. Benches cleared.

4 Is the Price right?

Toronto manager John Gibbons shocked Blue Jays fans when he used Price — his team's prized trade-deadline acquisition — out of the bullpen to relieve R.A. Dickey with a six-run lead in Game 4 of the ALDS. The left-handed ace threw 50 pitches in that game, making him unavailable for the fifth game. Price hasn't necessarily been able to translate that success into the post-season.

5 Familiar faces

It didn't take Gibbons long to find a new job after he was fired from his first stint as Toronto manager during the 2008 season. He took a job as Kansas City's bench coach that off-season, working with the team until 2011. Gibbons has experience with the Royals core group

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Malkin ends barren run to sink Senators

NHL

Penguins blank Ottawa as Fleury stops 22 shots

Evgeni Malkin scored his first goal in nearly seven months and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 22 shots for his 39th career shutout as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Ottawa Senators 2-0 on Thursday night.

Rookie Daniel Sprong picked up the first goal of his career for Pittsburgh, which won for the first time this season.

Craig Anderson made 34 saves for Ottawa but the Senators failed to muster significant momentum a night after dropping seven goals on Columbus.

Ottawa went 0 for 3 on the power play and rarely tested Fleury over the final two periods as the Senators lost on the road for the first time in four tries.

The Penguins came in scuffling after the franchise's worst start in a decade, managing all of three goals during an 0-3 stretch that left their stars frustrated and head coach Mike Johnston imploring them — again — to shoot the puck more often. The goal was Malkin's first since March 6.

He went scoreless during Pittsburgh's five-game loss to the New York Rangers in the opening round of the playoffs.

The Penguins' lead doubled just over two minutes later when Sprong showcased why his tryout period with the team might turn into something more permanent.

The 18-year-old second-round pick surprisingly made the club out of training thanks to his relentlessly energetic play and his first NHL goal showcased a shot that would seem to be a waste if he's returned to the junior ranks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESULTS

Capitals 4, Blackhawks 1
Islanders 4, Predators 3
Panthers 3, Sabres 2
Stars 5, Lightning 3
Canadiens 3, Rangers 0

Pittsburgh's Patric Hornqvist, left, looks for a rebound on a shot by David Perron. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CURLING

High-tech brooms a threat
An unprecedented leap in sweeping technology threatens to dramatically change the sport of curling.

While they wait for their sport's governing bodies to catch up and impose new rules, some of the world's top curling teams say they won't use broomheads that can actually slow down, and change the direction of, a rock in motion.

It's an awkward position to take for the teams who are sponsored by the very manufacturers who make the controversial brushes.

But Olympic gold medallists Brad Jacobs' rink is among 22 domestic and international teams that signed a statement stating they will not sweep with brooms. "Where do you draw the line?" Jacobs asked. "We've decided as a group of players to draw the line right now." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Mets eliminate L.A., head to NL finals

Daniel Murphy stole an uncovered third base and went on to score the tying run, then hit a go-ahead homer off Zack Greinke to lead the New York Mets over the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 Thursday night and into an NL Championship Series matchup with the Chicago Cubs.

New York trailed 2-1 in the decisive Game 5 of the NL Division Series when with three infielders on the right side and no one near third, Murphy strolled to second on Lucas Duda's walk and sprinted to third. Travis d'Arnaud followed with a sacrifice fly, and Murphy homered in the sixth.

Jacob deGrom allowed runners in all six of his innings but just two runs. Noah Syndergaard pitched the seventh, and Jeurys Familia got the first six-out save of his career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ingredients
- 1 cup basmati rice
- 2 chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1-2 tsp curry powder or paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2/3 cup of coconut milk
- 2/3 cup of chicken stock
- 1 large apple, peeled and sliced into thin wedges
- 1 cup of frozen peas
- 1/4 cup of plain yogurt

Directions
1. Prepare rice according to package instructions.
2. Brown the chicken in a bit of vegetable oil in large skillet. Add the onions and cook for about 5 more minutes. Then add the garlic and the curry and cook for another minute.
3. Add the coconut milk, chicken stock and soy and stir together.
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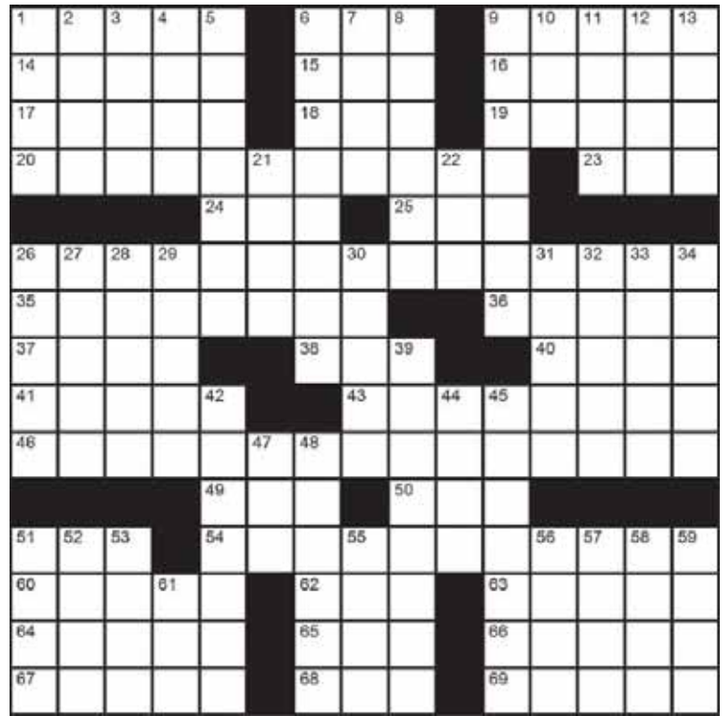

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15. Expert
16. Mediterranean island
17. Send to the House of Commons
18. 'Jag' add-on (Big spotted cat)
19. Yves Saint Laurent perfume
20. Gigantic red roadside attraction in Elm Creek, Manitoba: 2 wds.
23. He who loved Estella
24. Bemoan
25. French 'law'
26. FIFA 16, the new _ _ _ by EA Sports, features women's national teams for the first time, including Canada
35. "_ MacEvil" by Blood, Sweat & Tears
36. Knobby
37. End in _ _ (Draw)
38. 'E' in HRE, briefly
40. Variant-spelled edge tool
41. Feelings
43. Move in pro wrestling: 2 wds.
46. Anglophones: 2 wds.
49. Boxing stat.
50. Gerard _ Borch (Dutch painter)
51. Notable time
54. News, interviews, indie band airplay... Student-run operation: 2 wds.
60. Enthusiasm
62. Jon Jovi link
63. Advertising suffix
64. Sparkle
65. Egg mass
66. Be victorious in: 2 wds.
67. Skirt's stitched spots
68. Hmmms...
69. Hayes and Connery

DOWN
1. Music notation
2. Nova Scotia's cap.
3. At all
4. Particular pudding
5. _ _ days (From Friday, when it'll be Monday)
6. This brandy's French name means 'water of life': 3 wds.
7. "If I Had $1,000,000" vehicle
8. President Ford
9. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest album
10. Chart
11. Radar signal
12. Ornamental case
13. Highway exit
21. Portable dwelling of Mongolia
22. San Francisco's _ Valley
26. Pool table surface
27. Go _ _ a limb
28. Including others in on the memo
29. Fish-holding basket
30. Poetic feet
31. "_ _ Alice..." - Jefferson Airplane, "White Rabbit"
32. Befuddle
33. Madonna's actress friend Debi
34. For short in Science.. Na, Ne and Ni
39. Fare featured on #9-Down: 2 wds.
42. Funny television shows
44. Kiki and Sandra
45. Surnamesakes of Peter, Paul & Mary
47. Music style
48. Madrid 'man'
51. Frittata ingredients
52. Lindsay Lohan movie, "Georgia _" (2007)
53. On the Atlantic
55. Ricky Nelson's "_ Little Fool"
56. Movie director Mr. Posin
57. Mr. Carvey
58. David Bowie's wife
59. Quaker _ Company
61. Highlands hat

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may suspect that someone is taking advantage of your easygoing nature but don't make a fuss about it. There is no percentage in getting angry with people who take a little bit for themselves at your expense. You can afford to be generous.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There is an air of anticipation, as if something dramatic will happen. If you keep your head you will benefit from whatever changes take place.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might like to change the world but all you can really do is change yourself. Act only from the highest of principles today and set an example for others.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
What seemed like a setback yesterday will be seen in a much more positive light today. Your attitude toward success will change. There is no reason at all to be embarrassed if you find fame and fortune.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your thoughts may be far away but you won't be allowed to neglect your duties for long. Employers will let you know in no uncertain terms if they think you are not pulling your weight.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your power to influence events is limited but why should that be a bad thing? Do you really need to change things that much? Maybe it is your perspective that is wrong.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you want something enough you will no doubt find a way to get it, but you will get it quicker and easier if you start thinking in terms of cooperation rather than conflict. There is only so much you can accomplish on your own.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The people you are closest too are feeling a bit neglected. Remind them what they mean to you. But don't give up on the hard work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you do over the next few days will be a success. It will be even more of a success if you don't worry too much about how much it is likely to cost you. Money is not an issue.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep your plans to yourself today. If you let slip even a hint of what you are up to those who wish you ill will find ways to make things tough.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Any doubts you had about what you should be doing with your life will disappear over the weekend. Remember: you are who you are for a reason. Listen to your inner voice. Let it guide you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The odds are in your favour so make things easy for yourself by swimming with the tide rather than fighting against it. If someone wants to do things for you today all you have to do is let them.

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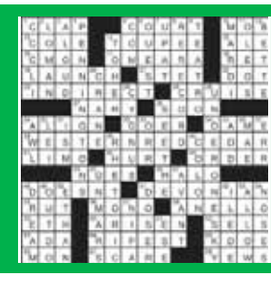

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